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WOMEN'S SENATE IS CONTEMPLATED

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION IS READY TO APPLY FOR RECOGNITION.

The problem of government in a group of college women has always baffled more or less the powers that be. Either the rules have been too stringent or too lax, or else the regulation of conduct has been left to one person who has either been too lenient or too strict. This one person, in most institutions known as the dean of women, occupies a paradoxical position being at the same time called both exacting and lax. The explanation of the paradox lies in the fact that she is criticized from two points of view, that of the students and that of the faculty.

The position of these factions is made the more ludicrous when it is considered that they both base their contentions upon the false premise that one woman, possessed of no supernatural or divine power, should be able to govern a group of college women to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, and that the faculty overlooks frequently the extremely reasonable supposition that the majority of college women have a normal amount of common sense and self respect.

Realizing that the conduct of the women is more a matter of personal responsibility, the Wright Hall women acting in cooperation with the dean of women, have effected an organization to be known as the Women's Senate. The preamble to the constitution follows. "Whereas we, the young women of Wright Hall, desire to assume individual and community responsibility as students for right conduct, and thus to develop efficient government because of the moral influence which results from government by equals, and to train for the responsibilities of life after college, do hereby organize ourselves into an organization for self-government." The purpose of the organization is to cooperate with the dean of women in promoting the highest standards of honor and integrity in all matters of personal conduct, and to maintain order in Wright Hall. The young women are asking that matters concerning

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Y. W. C. A. Installs Officers For Year

A beautiful and impressive ceremony marked the installation of the Y. W. C. A. officers for the next year. Soft candle-light and a glowing fire added to the dignity of the occasion. While the girls were assembling, Louise Barstow played softly, thus inducing an atmosphere of quiet. Later in the program Miss Forsythe favored the group with a vocal solo, "Teach Me to Pray." After the "Y" hymn had been sung, and a short prayer offered, Louise Osgood, the former president, read from the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, the story of the wise and foolish virgins. In a few well-chosen and sincere words she expressed the hope that the new cabinet would carry on the work which the old cabinet had left undone. Then each member of the cabinet passed a lighted candle to the girl who was to take her place. The new cabinet is as follows: President, Avis Lane; vice president, Helen Brien; secretary, Margaret Poole; treasurer, Ellen Laman; undergraduate field representative, Lucy Fellows; social chairman, Elizabeth Munger; social service, Ruth King; house committee, Dorothy Flanegin; Religious meetings, Emma Ritter; publicity, Helen Scott; poster, Marjorie Dunton. When this ceremony had been performed, Avis Lane, the new president, expressed, in behalf of the Y. W. C. A., appreciation for the guidance of the retiring officers, and the hope that the new cabinet would be able to render as worthy service as they had done.

EASTER BREAKFAST

In accordance with tradition, a delightful Easter breakfast was served at Wright Hall Sunday morning. The tables in the dining room were arranged in the shape of an "E", and were resplendent in snowy white linen, glowing yellow candles, and beautiful flowers. Two large wicker combination plant stands and canary cages, obtained through the courtesy of the DeLuxe, added much to the dignity of the occasion. The guests marched in carrying lighted candles and singing an old Easter hymn. After the reading of the Scripture by Mrs. Roberts, Miss Fromilda Young sang "I Know My Redeemer Liveth." After this impressive ceremony, the guests turned to the splendid breakfast which Mrs. Way's force had prepared. Mrs. Way left nothing undone to make the breakfast a success, each guest receiving a tiny basket of eggs and a wee chick as a favor.

Reporter Calls On

A Man With Mumps

The Almanian reporter waded down through the corridor on the third floor of Pioneer Hall and stopped before the door of Roy Gustafson who has been confined to his room with the mumps for some time. The following is the interview.

"Hey Gus, how d'ya feel?"
"Better"
"I want to interview you for the Almanian. Do you object?"
"I'm a sorry subject."
"How does it feel to be shut up like that?"
"Like x!\$!X&lb@?XX"
"Oh, it doesn't feel WELL? Where did you first feel the symptoms?"
"In my right jaw"
"Have they travelled any?"
"No I still have them on only on one side"
"Has your attitude on life changed any?"
"Nope. Nobody likes a man with the mumps."
"What do you do to pass away the time, study?"
"I study myself" (He means introspection, Dr. Randels)
"What have you found?"
"Nothing"
"How much time do you spend in bed?"
"Eighty per cent"
"How do you explain the fact that since it has become known that you have the mumps, about a dozen girls at Wright Hall have gone to the doctor to see if they were coming down with them?"
"Go to..." (Invalids are sometimes touchy)
"Next to the mumps, what disease would you rather have?"
"Bubonic Plague."
"What message would you like me to send to the outside world?"
"Be patient, I'll be with you soon." (Wright Hall please note)
"What would you charge to give anyone the mumps?"
"Not a damn cent."
"If you could wish them on anyone whom you wished, who would be the victim?"
"You"
"Gus, could you eat something good?"
"Sure."
"How would you like a good sour pickle?"
"x!\$!X&lb@? X" censored.
Mumps may have a bad effect on the vocal organs, but they do not impair the vocabulary to any great extent. Mumps are a mean disease, and anyone desiring further information can obtain it from Gus.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The meeting held April 10, 1922, was solely for the purpose of electing officers. There was little excitement because no campaigning had been done. The results were as follows:

Veril Olmsted, president.
Dwayne Burke, vice president.
Robert Baker, secretary.
John Apsey, treasurer.
John Hilderley, sergeant-at-arms.
Wilmer Patton, Almanian reporter.
Leo Wright, janitor.

Among the Wright Hall guest over Sunday, was Miss Marjorie Vreeland, of Bay City.

CLASS STANDINGS AGREE WITH TEST

ACCURACY OF INTELLIGENCE TEST REVEALED BY COMPARISON.

Early last fall the freshman class was given a standard intelligence test, supposed to be a means of measuring the general intelligence, but not necessarily the amount of knowledge possessed by the individuals of the class and by the class as a whole. It is a fair assumption then that, everything else being equal, the freshmen would rank in the number of honor points earned as they did in the intelligence test. A comparative study of these scores proves very interesting.

Men		Women	
1	A 9	1	A 1
2	B 6	2	B 7
3	C 16	3	C 27
4	D 24	4	D 5
5	E 1	5	E 2
6	F 4	6	F 4
7	G 14	7	G 14
8	H 18	8	H 6
9	I 45	9	I 13
10	J 5	10	J 31

In the table given above, the ten men and ten women who received the ten highest scores in the test have been considered. An interpretation of this table shows that the man known as "A" received the highest intelligence score and that he was ninth in the number of honor points secured. In a similar manner, it was found that the woman known as "A" was first in both honor points and intelligence. In looking over the table, one might say that the results obtained by the intelligence test concerning the respective students do not indicate to any reliable degree the probable grade of work which that student would accomplish. However, a mathematical comparison of the two scores of each individual in the class shows that there is a distinct correlation between "intelligence" and the grade of work that, "if everything else being equal" was the actual condition, the correlation would be very high.

The two main factors which are to be considered as the causes for the "downfall" of the first year student are: his study habits, and the various distractions under which he labors. It is a fact recognized to a certain degree by even the freshman himself that his slipshod manner of studying in the high school will hold him back in college. If a student is to maintain a high standard of work, he must develop habits of continual, consistent, and concentrated study. It follows, then, that a student's first consideration is his habits of study. The list of distractions would have to be lengthened indefinitely to cope with the imagination of the verdant ones.

An important step which must be seen at the very first of a college career is that each individual must place his own valuation on his opportunities. In college we have the chance to train our minds, develop our bodies, and enjoy ourselves. If we feature any one of these traits, slighting the others, we are not making the maximum use of our years in college.

KAPPA IOTA

The regular meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order by the president, Dorothy Flanegin. Roll call was answered by a quotation from Alfred Tennyson. Through them we were given an idea of the style of poetry which Tennyson wrote. A paper on the life of Tennyson given by Helen Courtade did not just include the dates of his birth and death, but it included a very intelligent review of his whole life and works. In it Miss Courtade stated that Tennyson was one of the greatest poets during the Victorian Age. This most instructive and enjoyable program was followed by a short business meeting.

Among several other things that was decided upon was that "The Kappa Iota girls would sell "Eskimo Pies," on campus day.

GOOD ENGLISH

Some rude fellow once said that the reason that colleges are called institutions of learning is that the students who enter bring a little knowledge with them, and the Seniors that graduate never take any away. Hence the knowledge naturally accumulates. No one at Alma College really believes that statement if for no other reason than the fact that it is based on a false premise, it being extremely doubtful if the incoming students bring any knowledge with them. There is, however, one kind of knowledge that every Senior should be well supplied with and that is a knowledge of English. If he acquires nothing else, he should in four years absorb enough of the English Language to be able to express himself accurately and smoothly. Moral: Strive to speak correctly on the campus as well as in the classroom.

Alma To Play The Normal Next Week

The Alma collegians will open the 1922 baseball season next Tuesday meeting the Mt. Pleasant Normal outfit in what is expected to be a good game.

The Normals will pit a veteran aggregation against the Maroon and Cream and the Campbell clan will be hard put in all probability to grab a victory from the veteran diamond aggregation that Parker will show. He still has his pitching Ace, Brooks, who a few years ago tried out with the Detroit Tigers and other league teams, and this fact is lending plenty of confidence to the Normals that they will be able to top the locals.

Very little is yet known of the quality of the Alma College outfit for that matter, as the practice sessions that have been so far held by the collegians have been hindered by the heavy rains during the recent weeks, and the squad as a result has not shown the development that is usually seen at this stage of the practice work. This may prove troublesome to the Maroon and Cream during the early stages of the season due to the fact that the Alma infield will be practically all composed of new material, in all probability.

It is still too early to dwell on a prospective lineup, because of this lack of practice work, but it is almost a cinch that Hickerson of Detroit and Joe Beckton of Caro, newcomers to the college game will be found cavorting around second and short when the opening game is staged. As a rule a coach dislikes to put new men at these important positions, but Campbell has little choice in the matter because of a lack of good veteran material for the places. The two lads, however, look like real ball players and are expected to fill the positions in the most approved manner. Wright of Crosswell is likely to find himself located at first and while there is still a question as to who will be at the hot corner of the field, it is probable that a new man will also be found at third, making an entire green infield. It should be a fast one, however.

Because of a lack of practice work with the stick the score of candidates that Campbell has retained on the first string are not showing the results that are hoped for. It is expected, however, that if weather conditions will improve so that better workouts can be had, a good development in hitting will be seen. It is still questionable, however, if Alma will have a hard hitting outfit this season.

Just what the class of Alma's M. I. A. aspirants will be can only be told as the season develops. Right now about the best word that can be said is that the aggregation will be a far stronger one than Alma had a year ago. It will need to be stronger, however, to attain even the record of last year as nearly every team of the M. I. A. A. is much better balanced than was the case last year.

Mademoiselle Boissot entertained as guests during the Easter vacation the Misses Green and Miller of Deckerville, Mich and Miss Bea Koephton of Crosswell, Mich.

President Crooks spent a few days last week at the college.

TRACK MATERIAL APPEARS SCARCE

ALMA HAS STRENGTH TO BE A DECIDING FACTOR ONLY AT MEET.

Prospects for a good track team at Alma College are probably better this year than at any time since the war, but it is almost a certainty that the team will not have sufficient power this season to be rated as a contender for honors at the Michigan Intercollegiate meet at Albion in June. It may have strength enough, however, to be one of the deciding factors as to what bunch of cinderpath artists will cop the M.I.A.A. honors.

Present indications are that the Maroon and Cream will be weak in the dash events, particularly in the century, but it is possible that the Alma mentor may uncover something for these events before the meets are staged in May and June.

In the distance runs Alma will have Vreeland, who won the 2-mile event at Albion last year, Sid. Foster of Newberry and Taylor of Flint. For the 220, 440 and the half mile H. Foster of Newberry, Hickerson of Detroit and Bentley of Alma are the most promising early season candidates.

In the shot, discus and javelin Johnston of Newberry, Brewer of St. Louis, Hickerson of Detroit, Rose of Ashley and Beam of Manclona hope to be able to pick up points for the Maroon and Cream.

In the hurdle events Hickerson, Shoemaker and Johnston are working. Johnston, Shoemaker and Bailey of Breckenridge are out for the jumps, and Hickerson and Bailey are working for the pole vault. Both give indications of obtaining good height in this event.

The interclass track meet to be held in the near future should develop some promising material. It is understood that several men are hiding their abilities both from Ham Dunham and the coach for fear of embarrassing publicity. They are very reticent and modest, but it is firmly believed by several informed persons about the campus that there will be some surprises at the interclass tilt.

It has been suggested by some of the ardent canoe fans that a canoe race be staged and that the winners challenge any canoe outfit in the M. I. A. A. This event, however, would not be as interesting as was at first supposed. A new canoe (Continued on page two)

Y. W. Cabinet Gives Splendid Banquet

It was gaiety, in truth, but gaiety mingled with a sense of seriousness that called together the old and new Y. W. Cabinets with their faculty advisors on Saturday evening. Gaiety followed the epicurean ideas of "Eat drink, and be merry"—seriousness followed the Y. W. ideals discussed in all their sanctity by those who know and love them best.

To the old Cabinet the banquet was an expression of happiness in being able to listen to the "Well done, thou good and faithful servants" so justly tendered by all. To the new Cabinet, who felt they had taken a blind step in pledging so much, it was the love of fellowship extended as a guiding light to beckon the new pilgrims on their way. We hope that to our faculty advisors it was the symbol of a girlhood and loved not so long ago.

Rainbow Of Hope
Toastmistress—Louise Osgood
Violet Hazes of the Future—Avis Lane
Indigo—Sweet Songster—Marguerite Field
Blue—"True Loyalty"—Emma Ritter
Green—"New Opportunities"—Mabel Field
Yellow—"Golden Notes"—Mildred Gerow
Red—"Courage"—Elizabeth Munger
Pot of Gold—Mrs. Roberts

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A SERMON ON CUPS

A certain matron who reigned in Wright Hall for some twenty years used to tell quite frequently about a trip she took up the river. The main point in the narrative always was the same that the banks of the river were lined with Wright Hall cups. No doubt she unconsciously exaggerated the story with each telling as the number of cups seemed to grow larger each spring. In fact one senior used to affirm that the first time he heard the story there were only a dozen cups near the gravel pit, but as time went on the cups accumulated until the story gave the impression that the Pine was a trickle of water in a china closet. Obviously the fact that concerned the matron was the loss of the cups. To the lover of nature the narrative carries another import—the fact that cups, regardless of ownership or variety, were left to mar the beauty of the banks. Now taking those two points of view as a text, and appropriating the preacher's license to wander, it might be well to develop a little sermon on cups.

Following the matron's argument, the loss of the cups meant a disrespect for other people's property. This lack of respect is no doubt due to carelessness. The average canoeist wears half of his roommate's clothes, borrows cushions from some one else, and cooks his meal on some one's else land. His should from the very nature of the expedition have a conscientious regard for other people's property. Yet he will frequently pilfer wood which has been cut and dried for the owner's use, and appropriate anything else in the vicinity which he thinks will be of use to him. This is not the practice of the majority, but it ought not to be the practice of any. Let us remember that since the farmers in the community have been kind enough to allow us to picnic on their grounds, we ought to leave their movable property untouched.

From the point of view of the lover of nature the cups were unsightly in that they spoiled the beauty of the scenery. The banks of the Old Pine river in the wonderful springtime need no man-made embellishments. This applies to paper, tin cans, and other paraphernalia that is sometimes left in the wake of a canoeing party. Nothing is more disgusting to good sportsmen than to find a camping spot covered with rubbish, left by some people who fail to appreciate the glories of nature. Then there is the opinion of the owner of the property to be considered, and no doubt he doesn't like to be the recipient of such questionable gifts as tin cans and orange peelings. The true sportsman will burn all the leftovers, will tidy up the grounds, and finally will put out the fire before he leaves. Let us remember the Golden Rule on canoe trips and picnics, and keep the good will of the folks up the river.

THE CLASSICAL CLUB

The meeting of April 15, was very instructive and interesting. Mr. Boyce gave the first paper on Grecian games and sports. In it he brought out the fact that the Greeks played their games not for the reward but for the pure love and honor of the thing. Mr. Burke in his paper "Roman Games", vouched for the equally interesting fact that the Romans played games for health or for the reward, not for the honor. Mr. Eckles delivered a paper on Greek architecture. He especially emphasized the differences between the three Greek styles of pillar—the Doric, the Ionic and the Corinthian. This subject included a stereopticon lecture on the chief examples in Greece and Rome of these pillars in temples, etc.

Those who were not present missed a meeting which could lay claim to being the best of the term.

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Alumni

Rev. Hurd Allyn Drake, an alumnus of Alma College, class of 1911, has made quite a record since leaving college. During the last four years he has set a mark for the House of Hope Presbyterian Church of Elgin, Illinois. Recently though, he gave up his pastorate in Elgin to take charge of the Presbyterian church at Kokomo, Ind. The following, concerning his record, was taken from the Elgin Daily Courier:

Rev. Drake has been pastor of the House of Hope Presbyterian church since September 1, 1917. Shortly after his arrival here he was elected secretary of the Elgin Ministerial Association, a position he filled for two years.

In this capacity he organized the work preceding the record-breaking convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement so efficiently that he was subsequently offered the secretaryship of that organization for Michigan and Northern Ohio. In September, 1918, Rev. Drake was announced winner of the first prize of \$200, offered by the Presbyterian General Assembly's Committee on the Every Member plan, a contest open to the ten thousand ministers of the Presbyterian church and actually participated in by hundreds. Mr. Drake's Essay, "Giving God a Square Deal," has been widely circulated in pamphlet form both in and outside of the Presbyterian denomination, 91,000 copies having been printed.

During the winter 1918-1919, Rev. Drake was chosen director of the Elgin "Go-to-Church drive" which was followed by the religious census. Both were done by personal visitation, about 600 Elgin church workers being employed in each. The two visitations totaled more than 11,500 calls.

Rev. Drake is a member of the Elgin Association of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

At his new church, we hope that his good record may continue.

Party Given For Miss Hulda Ward

Altho there are several engaged couples on the campus, there has been only one announcement party this year. On Thursday evening, at the home of Miss Grace Duffy on State St. the engagement of Miss Hulda Ward, one of Alma's Noble seniors, to Mr. Charles Creaser who is now studying for a Doctor's degree in Biology at Ann Arbor, was announced.

The guests present were Miss Hulda Ward, Mademoiselle Boissot, Mable Field, Miss Mildred Cash, Miss Louise Osgood, Miss Celia Creaser, Miss Cleo Ghl, Miss Hazel Shankel, and the hostesses, the Misses Bess and Grace Duffy.

After an informal entertainment, a delightful luncheon was served and it was while seated at the table that guests first became conscious of the purpose of the party. The announcement was made through formal place cards. The table was prettily decorated with flowers. A rose in front of each guest made a unique nut cup. So delightful was the occasion that those present said they wished more announcements parties would be held.

Y. M. C. A.

Will ye, won't ye, come to our Y. M. C. A.? As regards to numbers the meeting of this week showed quite an improvement. As he always does, Dr. Randels gave an extremely interesting and pithy talk. He expressed his opinion that the young men of today—big and little, strong and weak—could find "big adventure" in simply living out the teachings of Christianity, not stopping to hit the world when it bumped them, but going straight ahead in what they know is right. Such a movement, if one can call it a movement, has already commenced in the northern countries of Europe—Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. The inhabitants of those countries are setting out, not like their brave Viking forbears, to plunder, slay, and burn, but to carry aid to countries in need, to play the Good Samaritan. They helped Russia while the rest of the civilized world stood aloof. A social change must come to the modern society sooner or later. How splendid if it could be in the direction indicated by those dwellers in the far north.

The Y. M. C. A. has held their meetings under the management of its new committee heads. The names of the new officers may not be generally known, so here they are:

Membership committee—Victor Crittenden, Dick Boyd.

Social committee—Dick Waggoner.
Program committee—Jack Eckles.
Personal work—Foster and Manwaring.
Fellowship committee—Harold Foster.
Student relationship committee—Vern Handley.
Gospel team—Victor Soderstrom.
Publicity committee—Wilmer Patton.

PHILOMATHEAN

A regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary Society, was called to order by the president, Hulda Ward, on April 10. After roll call was responded to, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, business occupied the minds of all for a short time.

The literary program was in the form of a debate upon the Closed Shop. The affirmative side was upheld by Ruth Stewart, Rhea Joy Stinson, and Nina Church. Their arguments were very clear and forceful. Helen Scott, Bernice Evans, and Ruth King, put forth the arguments of the negative in such a way that the judges' decision was a unanimous one in favor of their side. The debate helped to interest the members of the society in the coming intercollegiate debates, and gave them a good foundation of facts concerning the question, together with making debating more interesting.

After listening to the critic's report, a motion for adjournment was passed.

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the government of Wright Hall be left in the hands of the judicial and legislative bodies of the organization which will act in cooperation with the dean of women to further the interests of Wright Hall women by enacting and enforcing laws for their government.

The organization recently adopted a constitution which provides that each of the four classes shall have three representatives, besides the president. These representatives are so chosen that the three literary societies are equally represented. Because there are no Kappa Iota Sophomores or Seniors, the representation this year is somewhat irregular, but nevertheless satisfactory. The present representatives are as follows: Seniors,—Louise Hainline, Louise Osgood, and Ruth Stewart; Juniors,—Edith Hughes, Avis Lane, Elizabeth Munger, Fromilda Young. Sophomores,—Margurite Field, Margaret Poole, and Agnes Youngs. Freshmen,—Esther Boyce, Beatrice Shauding, Virginia Fremain.

At present, of course, the Women's Senate is only a temporary organization. It has been operating very efficiently for several weeks under the supervision of Dean Roberts. The officers who have been elected are as follows:

President—Avis Lane.
Vice President—Elizabeth Munger
Secretary—Agnes Youngs
Treasurer—Margaret Poole.

The next step in the development of the organization is to petition the Student Council for recognition. If this is secured the matter will be referred to the faculty for the final approval or rejection. Just how the members of the Student Council stand on the proposition is not definitely known, it is understood that they will be quite willing to comply with the request although there may be some necessary changes made in the constitution. The council will probably take steps to make the Women's Senate a subordinate body under the Student Council, thus giving the senate added prestige and eliminating the possibility of overlapping of power. As soon as the matter is definitely settled, and has received the approval of both the Student Council and the faculty, the constitution will be printed in the Almanian.

TRACK MATERIAL APPEARS SCARCE

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has made its appearance which looks very fast, and threatens to eliminate competition. At present it is the property of Berkely Vaughn who has painted it bright yellow. Vaughn claims that with this craft he can run circles around any packet on the river. No one doubts this statement as he hasn't been able to hold it to a straight course yet.

ZETA SIGMA

Meeting called to order by President Wyatt. Critics report given by Crittenden. As there was no literary program the meeting was turned over to business which consisted of various society matters. After the business was finished and the society was adjourned, the members were treated to "Frost Bites" by the incoming officers.

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Agnes Ardis spent the week end with her sister at Brickenridge, Mich.

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"Who Was John Hancock?"

JOHN HANCOCK was an American statesman and patriot. His signature is found on the oldest and most important documents of Massachusetts, and of the United States. He was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence and was the first Governor of Massachusetts.

John Hancock was born at Quincy, Massachusetts, in 1737. He graduated from Harvard College, and entering upon his uncle's business became a successful merchant in Boston. He gained much in social power and in wealth, being meanwhile justly popular for his integrity and ability.

He was in 1765-1770 a selectman of Boston and a member of the general court. With Samuel Adams he led the Massachusetts Whigs, and only escaped capture at Lexington and Concord by virtue of the valiant fight by the Minute Men on the "Nineteenth of April in '75."

John Hancock was subsequently known in various positions: as President of the Continental Congress, as Major-General of the Massachusetts military forces, as President of the Constitutional Convention. He died at Quincy, Massachusetts, October eighth, 1793.

The historical position of John Hancock is unique in State and Nation. He wielded great political influence but was always liberal and public-spirited. His name is most prominent as a Whig leader during the American Revolution in such events as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party and the battles of Lexington and Concord.

John Hancock signed his name first to the Declaration of Independence. He thus risked his own "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" that these privileges might be obtained for others to enjoy. To this end he "pledged his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor."

That he was popular and efficient may be judged from the fact that he was for ten years Governor of Massachusetts, being elected annually to this office by popular vote.

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UNIVERSITY LIFE.

One of the most distinctive features of Oxford is her "honor system." It is this that first comes to mind when one tries to think what Oxford has that the American Colleges and universities might well copy, or at least adapt to our own needs and ideas.

Some might say we should do even better to adapt her athletic system. However, that may be, few American College faculties would think of devoting the entire afternoon to sports. Students might agree to it; doubtless they would, but faculties would consider it too great a waste of time. The honor system makes a much stronger faculty appeal.

There are at Oxford two classes of students—"pass men" and "honor men." The pass men represent that large class of Englishmen, known as "gentlemen," that is, men of leisure. They have no thought of leading a strenuous life, no ambition for midnight study. They are, however, very interesting and agreeable fellows, strong for hunting and all kinds of sports. And if it be true that "manners maketh the man," then I fear they would outshine the more studious honor men. Their aim is social, rather than intellectual accomplishments, and in years past, I am told, they constituted an overwhelming majority of Oxford students.

The "honor men" are mostly the sons of professional and business men, who expect to make their own way in the world. They are by no means book worms, and manage to find plenty of time for sociability, but they do consider serious and intensive study. High honors they know are likely to mean much to them. It is said that the government and the great business interests of the country, as well as educational institutions keep an eye on the men who have the ability and perseverance necessary to win high honors at Oxford or Cambridge.

What proportion of the whole number of Oxford students are honor men and what proportion pass men I have been unable to learn. There is no data on the subject. They have a contempt for statistics at Oxford, and I may add, kindred subjects. The classics still hold full sway. Dr. Ewing would revel among the Oreonians. Don't mention it, but he might even adopt some of their bad habits in his enthusiasm for things Hellenic.

A "fresher" at Lincoln College told me that in his class of thirty-five, only one besides himself, had yet registered for honors, but others may do it later. Another fresher at Jesus thought twenty-five per cent would be a liberal estimate for his college. But the Rhodes scholars are practically all honor men and that brings the percentage up. Women, too, go in for honors and increase the percentage still more. And Balliol, which I believe is the college of our Dr. Barnes of Flint, rather scorns to accept any but honor men. So that it is quite possible, all things considered, one half of the Oxford students endeavor to gain an honor degree; indeed, two professors gave me that as their best judgment.

There are a good many "schools," each with its own field of study and subject-matter, as, for example, the Classical, Modern language, English, Science, Modern History, and finally Economics and Politics established this year.

Singularly enough, the classical school, which includes a little ancient history and philosophy, is called "greats." For a long time this was the only school; and when I inquired of a gray-haired don, who might be expected to remember a long way back, for the origin of "greats," he seemed to imply that the answer should be very obvious to a person of intelligence. So I assume that the title was first applied when science and the other lesser schools were established, in order to discriminate between them.

That word discriminate suggests an incident that is well known at Oxford. There is an examination called "moderationes" or simply "mods" which comes in the second year. The one part every student, pass and honor men, must take is "Holy Scripture." Students are advised by their tutors to commit to memory the names of the Kings of Israel and Judah, the ten plagues, the events in the life of Christ, and to be familiar with the journeys of St. Paul.

The questions propounded from time immemorial are to be found in

any of the libraries. They are much the same from year to year, and are by no means as searching in character as those which Professor Brokenshire hands out at the end of each semester. But one year a brand new question was put: "Name the prophets and discriminate between the major and the minor." A brilliant pass man wrote, "Far be it from me to discriminate between those wise and holy men, but the Kings of Israel and Judah were as follows—"

There are four honor ranks, first, second, third, and fourth, corresponding roughly I suppose to our grades, A, B, C, and D. If a person fails in honors he is given a pass degree.

The weak point (some may consider it a strong one) seems to be that all depends on the results of a simple examination, and that conducted by those who may not know the students at all, for at Oxford, the college instructs while the university examines. But as a test for one's ability and resourcefulness in a crisis, it cannot be denied that the system has virtues.

Nor is the student a stranger altogether to the subject matter of the examination, for he knows his examiners at least slightly, and his tutor knows them through and through—knows not only the fields of study in which they are most interested but their hobbies as well, if they have any, and he prepares his students accordingly. Moreover, if a student writes an exceptionally poor examination, the examiners inquire of the tutor whether he has been diligent in his work, and the report of the tutor may decide the question of honors.

The great virtue of the system, as it seems to me, is found in the relation between student and tutor. The tutor meets his students at least once a week for three years, and it may be four; he meets them alone, not in a group, directs their reading, listens to reports on it, observes how well they have assimilated it, talks it over with them, makes suggestions, and, best of all, suits the work to the capacity of each student.

The ideal at Oxford is one of social relations. How well it is carried out depends much on the character of the tutor.



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Campus Breezes

Well, Easter's come and gone—with its array of spring styles. A woman would rather have a new hat on Easter than anything else in the world. And she will sulk the rest of the year if her fellow doesn't happen to notice it. We can't help noticing some of them!

Patton was hopping down Pioneer Hall stairs, happy as a lark. His mouth was full of something and when we inquired as to the cause of his violent gastronomical exercises his reply was:

"Look — glub-b-blub- at the chocolate rabbit - lublub- the Easter bunny - glubby - brought me glub!"

Rounding the corner of the museum one evening, we were arrested by the sound of a voice issuing from the ever-populated steps. Ah—the plot thickens. A woman's voice!

"Oh, my dear, dear, you're just the dearest, sweetest thing in the whole, whole, wide world. I don't know how I could get along without you for even a single minute. If I lost you my heart would simply shrivel up and die. There, now don't you love me just a teeny-weeny bit?"

We determined to rush out and tell her that it was not leap year but when we got there—horrors—there was one of our girls hugging a little poodle dog! My companion caught me as I fell.

When John Gillice was running around, A spot on his neck that was sore he found. But he didn't think it was anything bad

And he never realized what he had. So now his neck is all covered with lumps And they say that the poor boy's got the mumps!

Ten years ago the students here All hollered and bewailed their fate: "Things are not what they used to be;

But if that old bunch could have heard Our words, they would have stood aghast.

They'd hear us now bewail and moan The "good old days forever past".

And even now we hear the grads Who come and speak to us some-times

Talk of "the good old days gone by" Those old days must have been sub-lime!

But ten years hence when we come back, We'll tel them of the "good old days" When Alma spirit ranked up high And of the Freshmen we did haze.

Then all those students will moan And heave a great unhappy sigh. They'll write home to their folks and say, "The good old days have all gone by!"

Another windstorm hit the college last week—and Dusenbery hit town again.

Wonder if Lee Sharrar came back to sing his song about the mumps. It would be appropriate, anyway.

Mumps are a good excuse for indisposition.

Crit: Wasn't it a rather cursory examination?

Bob: I never heard any such language!

Where, oh, where are the water-sacks gone?

Only eight more weeks of school—and then work for a while!

It's about time for the dandelion club to begin to wear its insignia.

It's getting near to the end of our time So we'll end this thing with a bit of rhyme.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The meeting was called to order by President Dasef, April 10, 1922. After a very brief discussion of business, the society adjourned to the program. There were no impromptus so the reading of the portmanteau play by Richard Boyd opened the subject of Modern Plays. Mr. Wilson followed the reading by a discussion of plays in general, mentioning several synopses to illustrate the various types. After completion of the program, the new officers gave their customary treat. The meeting was then adjourned.

Alice Seely spent Easter at her home in Caro, Michigan.

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