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The Wakefield

Oratorical Contest to be Held Next Monday Night—Five Speakers.

The biggest Allegheny oratorical event of the year will be the Wakefield Contest which is to be held in the Chapel on next Monday evening. Five contestants have entered and the event will be a notable one. The winner is awarded a prize of $50.

E. N. Hubbard, '10, who took second place in the Class of Ninety contest two years ago, will deliver an oration on "The Twentieth Century Inferno."

A C. Nodine, '12, winner of the Freshman oratorical contest last year and who did creditable work in the Class of Ninety this year, has prepared an oration on "The Modern Church on Trial."

C. E. Vogel, "11, who won the Freshman contest two years ago and did well in the try-out contest for choosing the Tri-State League representative, will expound the juvenile court question under the title, "The Judge and The Child."

A. E. Limber, '12, an orator of experience will give his oration on "The Barren Land."

Elmer Wilds, '10, whose name is new on the list of college orators, has given his oration the title, "The Pioneer of the West."

The winner of the contest will represent Allegheny in the Tri-State Oratorical League, this spring. This meet of the orators from Wooster, University of Pittsburg, Dickinson and Allegheny will be held this year in Meadville and the date will probably be some time early in May. The heads of the different college oratorical associations are endeavoring to arrange a suitable date and are at present considering May 7.

The winners of the Wakefield contest in past years show an array of notable names. From 1901 to the present they are:

1901—Carroll L. Chase.
1902—Robert G. Freeman.
1903—Harry L. Smith.
1904—Frank M. Thompson.
1905—Bruce S. Wright.
1906—Andrew Robertson.
1907—W. C. Cravner.
1908—W. L. Stidger.
1909—Wilson G Cole.

The orations are to be judged in the usual way, both in regard to thought and composition and delivery. The judges on thought and composition to whom the orations have already been sent are F. L. Homer, Instructor in Pittsburg High School; L. J. Palmer, Superintendent of Public Schools in Oil City; and Wm. P. Murray, who is the District Superintendent at Erie. The judges on delivery are not yet known but will likely be prominent local men.

CLASSICAL CLUB MET

Twenty-one classical students met in the club room Tuesday evening and listened to an excellent program. Harper was chairman of the meeting.

Two subjects somewhat similar in character were discussed in detail. Miss Strickland read a paper on "The Position of Woman in the Roman Empire." The subject was skillfully handled and the social standing of woman in the Empire was found to be of an inferior character. The other paper was read by Miss Dungan and was entitled "Woman in Homer." The treatment of the fair sex in Greece, as seen in Homer's account, was radically different from that of woman in Rome. Her environment, at least, was much more favorable, and the customs governing her more conducive to wellbeing and to civilization at large.

After each paper was read, general remarks were made by the members of the club, and all the points were rendered perfectly clear.

Three new members were added to the club in a special meeting called in Bentley earlier in the day. The requisites for membership were classification, grade of work and number of courses pursued. The new members are Mead, Hilborn and Miss Murray.

A special committee was appointed to arrange the necessary details of the lecture to be given by Dr. Ross, under the auspices of the Classical club, on March 22nd.

Get dates for March 17th.

Pres. Crawford Has Sailed

Left New York Wednesday on his Way Back to Europe. An Enthusiastic Demonstration Here Monday Evening

The most enthusiastic demonstration by the student body for many months was that which marked the departure of President W. H. Crawford on last Monday evening for New York, from where he has since sailed for Europe.

It will be remembered that the President's sabbatic year abroad was abruptly interrupted shortly before the Christmas recess by his being called to Meadville on account of the trouble with the college funds. A happy termination of this affair came last week, with the vindication of the President. He has now returned to spend the rest of his vacation abroad.

There were two hundred and fifty enthusiastic, cheering students, both men and women, at the Erie depot when the train left at 5:35. The "Alleghroos" were numerous and the cheers were not to be counted. While the crowd waited for the train the Doctor shook hands with many of the students in the wholesome democratic manner which characterizes him. As he was entering the car it was seen that he still had a few moments, and cries for a speech were heard. With a smile he said:

"Of all the colleges in America, the best is Allegheny college. And the best thing about Allegheny college is the students."

This was all he said. It adequately expressed his thought and showed in a remarkable way the appreciation he felt for the manner in which the student body of the institution was showing its confidence in him and the work he was doing.

Dr. Crawford sailed from New York on Wednesday on board the "Mauretania" and will arrive in London on Monday evening. He expects to take supper in Paris on Monday and reach his wife and family at Rome on Tuesday morning.

The President's stay in Europe will be but little over three months as he intends to return to Meadville for the Commencement exercises in June.

President Crawford intends to divide his work abroad into three parts, one line of which will include a study of school and university administration in Europe. He already last fall spent much time in visiting German schools of all grades and observing German methods of teaching and organization. As another line of work he will further investigate the subject of social service in continuation of his work done in studying methods of city mission work abroad, of which his recent book, "The Church and the Slum," is an outgrowth.

As the third division of his work, President Crawford expects to take up the study of the Christian outlook on the continent of Europe.

In addition to the lines of investigation outlined above, he expects to devote considerable attention to subjects of interest to him as a member of the board of commissioners of the Carnegie Foundation.

HIRAM NEXT WEEK.

The basket-ball team will play two games with the strong Hiram aggregation during next week. On Tuesday night these teams will meet on the Hiram floor and on Thursday night at the Meadville gymnasium. The games will doubtless be hard and the scores are expected to be close. It was this same Hiram team, with perhaps a change or two in the line-up, which gave Allegheny the hardest game on the home floor last season. The score was 34 to 24, with Allegheny on the big end, but nevertheless the contest was close and at no point of the game was Capt. Maxwell's team sure of a victory.

The management is busy arranging games with Colgate and the Buffalo Germans, which will be about the only ones here during the remainder of the season. If the German game is secured at all, it will be on March 19, as that is the only convenient open date of both teams. The Buffalo team wanted to come here on the 26th, but this is not suitable to the local management since it would necessitate keeping the team in condition and practicing two weeks longer than the normal season. The date for the Colgate game is still indefinite.

In speaking of the Hiram team Coach Stewart said: "I think that about the best thing that can be said of the Hiram team is that they gave the Buffalo Germans the best run they have had in three years. At the game on Hiram's floor the Germans beat them by the close score of 24 to 21. That shows Hiram's strength. They've beaten everything they've struck except those Germans. They defeated Mt. Union at Alliance and Baldwin-Wallace at Baldwin-Wallace. On their own floor they beat Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan." Coming with a record like this, the Hiram bunch will show the local team a good game.

MISS SEYMOUR PRESIDENT.

At a meeting of the Senior class on Friday at 1:30 p. m., the resignation of L. M. Hickernell as president of the class of 1910 was read, and two new officers were elected.

The results of this election were as follows:

Miss Floy Seymour—President.
"Dick" Baker—VicePresident.

Get dates for March 17th.

Prices for "She Stoops to Conquer," 25c, 50c, 75c. $1.00, $1.50.

A WEEK FROM THURSDAY.

"She Stoops to Conquer" to be Presented March 17th.

The cast for "She Stoops to Conquer," is meeting with Miss Spaulding in the Duzer-Du room for daily rehearsals and the play is rapidly becoming the finished production which it will be on the 17th of this month, when it will be given at the Academy of Music.

The management seriously contemplated postponing the date a week or so to allow the players more time, but this was soon found to be impracticable and the idea was abandoned. After the work done by the cast this week all indications seem to show that the performance will equal that of the "Rivals" last year. Most of the lines are known and the actors are studying their parts.

A change has been made in the cast in the reversal of "Marlow" and "Hastings," the parts originally assigned to Thomas Hughes and E. P. Kennedy. The reason for this is that the men were better suited to the parts as changed than in the former way. Through natural endowments, Kennedy makes a better Marlow than does Hughes; and in the same way Hughes is a better Hastings. This change has made the work for these two much harder since they were forced to begin their work anew on their parts.

The production has been fully advertised and final arrangements for the performance have been made. Whether or not a trip will be taken by the cast will not be decided until after the Meadville performance.

Several of the minor parts in the play were not assigned at the first competitive exercises and have since been given out as follows:

Sir Charles Marlow ....J. C. Cochran
Diggory .....John Fox
Slang .....H. J. Wieler
Tom Twist .....D. H. Leffel
Muggins .....McNulty
Roger .....J. C. Cochran
Thomas .....C. A. Copeland

Rossiter, as "Tony Lumpkin," will make a decided hit in the bar room scene, where he is surrounded by his "jolly pigeon" friends. Leffel, Ruetgers, Wieler and Croasmun are showing up well in the "drunk" act..

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At Cochran Hall

Non-Fraternity Men of College Entertained Thursday Evening.

The non-fraternity men of Cochran Hall created another precedent by giving a party at the Hall last Thursday evening, which was attended by about eighty college men and women. According to the invitations it was to be an informal gathering and delightful informality was the striking feature of the evening. The entire building was thrown open to the guests, this being the first time that a college gathering has had the freedom of the Hall.

Downstairs the lobby and lounging rooms were decorated in Japanese fashion with lanterns, portieres and umbrellas. Pennants were used profusely while ferns and palms added to the general effectiveness of the scheme. In the dining room cozy corners were arranged and the balcony was also made attractive. In the early part of the function a general half-hour sociability was enjoyed. The reception committee were Dr. and Mrs. Snavely, Miss Ida Preston, Mr. C. W. Gill, Prof. F. L. La Bounty and Mr. J. L. Grandey. A grand march, ending in an endless chain led up to the real attraction of the evening, which went by the name of "The Colege Scandal." Appropriately enough this consisted first of a maze of intertwined strings, which when followed, led to dainty programs directing the course to be taken by each couple. Each string led to the attraction from which a start was to be made. Every phase of entertainment took the form of a clever take off on some feature of the recent college shortage such as the "Rustic Bridge." located in the balcony, the "Centenary Board," as the shuffle board was designated, or the "New Athletic Field," masquerading as the bowling alleys, as well as others such as the "Daily Messenger" and "Faculty Meeting."

Refreshments hidden under the title of "College Scraps" were served by Mr. Bave, who outdid himself to provide a toothsome repast. Not only in this feature but in arranging the decorations Mr. Bave proved himself invaluable as the patron saint of Cochran Hall.

MONTGOMERY FIELD.

Chapel services last Saturday morning included several prominent features. Professor Earp, of Drew Theological Seminary made a brief address to the student body. "If things are not going well," said he, "work a little harder." The speaker made this thought the keynote of his speech. He said it was the secret of success.

Professor Ross followed with a brief account of the first athletic field at Allegheny. The student body of about one hundred men turned out in its entirety at one time when he was in college, and with hammer, nails and spades, cleared off the sod and surrounded the field with a fence. Then for the first time was Allegheny permitted to play a baseball game and charge admission. "There was one man," said the speaker in conclusion, "who was responsible for this work, and that man was Dr. James H. Montgomery."

Dr. Crawford told the object of this address. The new athletic field is to be given the name of the man who was responsibe for Allegheny's first athletic field. It is to be known as the Montgomery Athletic field.

STAR-GAZING

A crowd of scientific students on Tuesday evening were introduced to several of the heavenly bodies, and were incidentally taught the trick of "star-gazing." Naturally, there was almost a full house in the observatory building and the meeting (if we may attach such a dignified name to the gathering), was peculiarly interesting.

Many of the students were unfamiliar with the use of the telescope, and the sight of the stars as revealed through the instrument was a revelation. Venus, Saturn and various other planets were observed, and the striking characteristics of each were pointed out by Dr. Ling. This form of meeting was an innovation, and proved immensely popular and profitable.

Bethany Lost

Visitors Put Up a Good Game, But Baker's Five Were too Strong.

A well played game took place in the local gymnasium last evening between Allegheny and Bethany, in which the West Virginia five were defeated by the score of 71 to 10.

Bethany came here with a good reputation and demonstrated the the truth of it in last night's game. Bethany has defeated Marietta, a team which defeated Mt. Union 59 to 11 and also walloped Waynesburg. These results show that the West Virginians have "got spunk in them." Their playing was good and characterized by a quickness which was surprising.

Several changes were made in the Allegheny line-up during the contest in order to work in some of the substitutes.

MOORE, NICHOLS AND WHITE

The result of the Athletic election for the second semester which was held on last Saturday was the election of the following men:

President of Athletic Association—B. W. David.

Delegate at Large—N. R. Moore.

Assistant Manager of Football—S. E. Nichols.

Assistant Manager of Track—C. M. White.

Vote Today.

The only contest was for the presidency, L. C. Harris being defeated for this office. Owing, however, to the fact that Mr. David is already a member of the Athletic Board, another election has been called for the presidency of the Atheletic Association and is being held today. There are three candidates, L. C. Harris, J. W. Barkley and C. E. Hilborn.

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THE CHAPEL CHOIR.

The average college student body is able to stand almost anything. Poor food, poor room, an over-bearing professor,—even athletic defeats if necessary can be borne with a fair degree of composure after a few weeks of experience. There is, however, one thing to which we cannot become reconciled, and that is the chapel choir.

At last year's minstrel show, the end men gave what purported to be an honest and true representaton of an "Amen from the chapel choir." It was one of the hits of the evening, but it has long ceased to be the least bit funny. It has been repeated at chapel every day, and has at length become monotonous. There certainly is a remedy somewhere. Practice, or a more careful selection, or both would undoubtedly improve the music at chapel, and in this way, the whole chapel service.

In many co-educational schools a mixed choir leads the music. If it is really impossible for the men to sing an "Amen," a mixed choir would doubtless solve the problem here.

DR. CRAWFORD IN PRINT.

The student impression as shown in the demonstration at the station last Tuesday night speaks for itself. However, we are glad to present an editorial from the Erie Daily Times of February 26th, since it adds the prestige of a great publication to a unanimous student sentiment. The editorial was as follows:

"Nothing has happened in many years which will give the friends of Dr. Crawford, wherever they may be located, more sincere pleasure than the report of the trustees of Allegheny College, which has just been made public. For some reason or another, certain newspapers at the home of the college town have striven during the past few weeks to convey the impression that Dr. Crawford was in some way at fault, because Treasurer Smith had made a wrongful use of the funds entrusted to his charge. No friend of Dr. Crawford ever for a second believed such stuff. The doctor's friends knew when the truth and the facts became known that no stain of any kind would be found on his garments, and so it has proved to be. It now turns out that he has not so much as been a member of the board having charge of the moneys and securities of the college for six years and more. Instead of trying to keep the matter of a shortage of the funds secret, the record shows that in less than two hours after he had information to such an effect, he made the fact known to the members of the proper board. The doctor admits it was his best judgment at the time that the less publicity given to such an unfortunate affair, the better it would be for all concerned and especially for Allegheny college. We believe the doctor was unquestionably right and that most of those who have the best interests of the college at heart agree with the position he assumed.

"There are thousands of readers of The Times who are deeply interested in the splendid work Allegheny college has carried on under the unceasing activities of Dr. Crawford, and because of that fact and in justice to him, we publish the statement he makes, in full, in the local column's of this evening's issue.

"How the shot and arrows of envious and suspicious ones, as well as of those who, perhaps, hoped to rise over the remains of a broken and fallen brother, fall at the feet of such a steady, unflinching and helpful worker. After sixteen years of such toil, energy and heart as Dr. Crawford has put into the college, what a magnificent tribute the resolution of the trustees is in reply is to the unworthy and unjust attacks that have been made.

"The Times heartily congratulates President Crawford. It also hopes that all of the recent past will at once be forgotten and that a more determined and united effort than ever will be put forth to maintain the high-standing and efficiency of Allegheny college."

THE LAST REBUTTAL.

That the guarantee of national bank deposits is not a wise policy, has been practically proven by the experience of Oklahoma during the last year. Yet a review of the debates on that question last year will show that in both varsity and in both class debates the affirmative was victorious. How that could happen in the face of what has since been proven an absolute wrong is almost beyond comprehension. In the class debate which has been held this year, although the right or wrong of the proposition has not been definitely proven as is true in the former question, the affirmative won. It has been years since there has been a unanimous decision in favor of a negative team. All of which would indicate that the affirmative has an advantage.

That the affirmative does have an advantage in the last rebuttal is conceded, but the present college system everywhere magnifies that advantage to such an extent that debates are becoming one-sided. For instance, in the recent class debate, the last affirmative speaker was allowed eight minutes in closing, that is, only two minutes less than his first speech, and the negative had no chance to reply. That is the regular college rule everywhere, so the criticism is not of the local officers, but of the rule.

To suggest a remedy is harder than to find a flaw. But if every speaker were allowed an equal amount of time in rebuttal, and then, after the six rebuttal speeches, each side were given two or three minutes for closing, there would be less opportunity for unfair play. At any rate, the negative speakers would be better satisfied than under the present system.

PLATFORM AND STAGE.

The first two of what might be termed "spring activities," are about to ask for support. First and foremost is debate. It has been said in the past years that the success of the Allegheny system lies in the fact that the six men who make the 'varsity teams begin about where the teams in the other colleges quit. But the first requirement is men. The absence of Professor Brown will make this season's work a little more difficult than in recent years, and makes the call to every man with forensic talent a little louder. We need especially the earnest work of those who have defended Allegheny before. To them we look for success this year.

It is proper to speak another word for the Forum here. That organization has been trying to keep Allegheny on top. It deserves the support of every man in college. A rally is planned for next Thursday afternoon at 4:30. Will you give an hour to the debating interests of Allegheny?

Duzer Du.

Another organization is working hard just now in the interests of the college and in an interest closely allied with debating. That organization is the dramatic club. The appeal for men is past for the year, but the student body owes Duzer-Du its support at the play March 17th. When a score or more of people can give a month for a college activity, the college can well afford to give an evening and pay for the privilege. But no one doubts that the money spent for tickets will be "for value received."

The call some places is "Get in something." Here it is "Get into everything." Students who work are doing this.

"ALLEGHE-REU"

The writer had an opportunity recently to compare our college yell with those of three of the largest colleges and universities in this part of the country. The comparison was made with the expectation that Allegheny's would sound worst, for that opinion has been expressed more or less frequently for some time. We were pleasurably surprised to find that of the four yells given, ours was the snappiest, clearest and most distinct. Although the call has come for new yells, we are willing to stick by the old ones until a reform has taken place elsewhere.

The fallacy that our cheers are not good ones arises from the fact that there is not care enough taken by the average gang of rooters to watch the leader. The time should be exact, and the articulation perfect. With these, we need never hesitate to present an "Alleghe-reu" or the railroad yell to any crowd.

The need for a song is more evident. Just as peope are awaiting what they can call the "truly American novel," so we are awaiting what we can call the "real Allegheny song." We are proud of those we have, and some of them are destined to be used long, but the typical, Allegheny marching song has not been produced. To leave such a thing would be honor enough to encourage the student who can, to write it. When it does come, it will probably be almost spontaneous. Se we should keep our eyes and ears open for ideas.

The production of such a song would be the first step in the publication of an Allegheny song book.

O. S. U. MAN SHOWS GOOD SPIRIT.

One of the players of the Ohio State basketball team made this statement after the game: "We never expected to get up against such a bunch of greased lightning." He said that he knew the Meadville five were faster than the ordinary teams, but that they felt confident of Allegheny's scalp after Oberlin won not long ago, 21-20. "Guess that must have been a mistake, for Oberlin would never stand a ghost of a show against Allegheny on the Meadville floor," he said.

The Ohio state team would like to have Allegheny play at Columbus. "We would certainly make Allegheny step on our own floor as we have not been defeated before this season, but there is such a thing possible as an Allegheny victory even there, as the Allegheny is the speediest team we have ever met. Although we feel the defeat keenly, we were fairly beaten, and we feel the better team won on Monday night."

This recognition certainly sounds good to Allegheny basketball enthusiasts, since the Ohio five have defeated some of the very best teams in this part of the country, and among them our one present rival, Oberlin.

KALDRON BUBBLES.

The Kaldron Board held a meeting last Saturday, at 3:30 p. m., and adopted a plan for work. Nearly all the members of the board were present. It was suggested that the Seniors have the cuts arranged in groups of four, interwoven with some artistic design; that the fraternities have separate pictures of its members grouped together in order to have uniform fraternity pictures; that the faculty be arranged in one group picture; and that Allegheny's President have a whole page vignetted cut.

The class pictures are going to be taken with a draped curtain to form the background. With the girls in white, and the men in black, the picture will be far more "classy" than groups have been heretofore.

These changes will add materially in giving proportion and uniformity and variety to the year book. The hearty co-operation of the student body will be the all-important factor in making the 1910 Kaldron the best one ever published in Allegheny. The support of the book has already been assured. The same good will is needed in these other matters to make it a success.

From the Editor.

That struggling joke on yonder guy might as well trouble you no longer. Put it in the grind-box and the burden will be off your minds. Then wait.

One of the Minnesota professors had his class rate their own papers, putting the basis of their standing on the amount of work actually done.

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COLLEGE NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. William H. Crawford delivered his last sermon before his departure for Rome, in the State Street M. E. church, on Sunday night. The speaker took as his text the story of blind Bartimeus.

Dr. Frederick Breed has just been appointed Instructor in Psychology at Yale University. Dr. Breed will be remembered as a former principal of the Preparatory school. Since then he has completed his studies in Harvard and in Europe.

The Forum meeting next week will be a rally for the preliminaries to follow the next week. Several faculty members will be present. Every candidate for the 'varsity teams as well as all men of the college are urged to be present next Thursday afternoon at 4:30 sharp.

The Senior-Junior debate is to be held in the Chapel this evening. The debaters of the Junior class are Hillman, Barkley and Small. The Seniors will be represented by Fixel, Yost and Gahan. The question is the varsity debating question: "Resolved, That the Federal government should establish a central bank of issue, constitutionality conceded."

Professor C. F. Ross will lecture before the student body Tuesday evening, March 22nd, under the auspices of the Classical Club. Those who have heard Professor Ross will remember him as a remarkably clear and entertaining platform speaker, and with new subject matter in a year of travel, he may be counted on for one of the big addresses of the year. It is expected that all college organizations will keep March 22nd open.

A few hours after the announcement in last Saturday's chapel service, of the donation of the rustic bridge by Mrs. Cochran, Dr. Crawford let the contract for its erection to the Harper Lumber Co. and work will soon be begun on it. The bridge is to cross the ravine in almost a direct line between the Observatory and Wilcox Hall. It will be of little practical use, but will do much to improve the beauty of the lower part of the campus.

Honors were split even between the two underclasses on last Saturday, for after the Freshmen had overwhelmingly defeated the Sophmores in basket ball in the afternoon, the Sophomore debaters won a unanimous decision over their rivals in the evening. The question was, "Resolved, That, the federal government should establish a central bank of issue, constitutionality conceded." The speakers were all well informed on the subject and the debate was not one-sided. The victorious Sophmores were: Akerson, Thomas and Hunt, in the order in which they spoke, while the Freshman team was composed of Lord, Nevins and Sheffer. The judges were Professors Smith, Ross and Armstrong.

The prayer meeting service on Wednesday evening was led by A. N. Dunsmore. Duty was the key note of the speaker's remarks. "We are Christians through loving obedience to our Lord," said he. "It is a sense of our duty that spurs us on. Whether not to do the right is not ours to question."

The after remarks by other members were especially helpful.

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"23" FOR BOTH

Freshmen Win Interclass Basketball Series from Sophomores.

A mighty howl and a curl of smoke went up from the gymnasium on last Saturday afternoon when the teams representing the Sophomore and Freshman classes met in the last game of the interclass series. After about an hour of play—not meaning to intimate that it was basketball—the whistle was blown and the score card told that the Freshmen had won, 23 to 1.

In all that hour—it may have been more—all the Sophomore team could accomplish was one little foul. The feat was performed by Herbster and was relished by the Sophomore adherents as much as if they had won the contest. All the Freshman five was able to do was to put the sphere through the basket and this they did continually. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 0.

Like all class games, the contest was rough. From start to finish there was a constant scramble for the ball and the game looked a whole lot like football. Many substitutes were used by both sides but the 1912's did not seem to be able to do much with their formidable opponents. A good representation of each class was present and rooting was frequently resorted to by those on the side lines in the effort to help their team.

The lineup and summary was as follows:

Freshmen—23. Sophomores—1.

Denison, DeYoung	F	Herbster
Perley, Mates	F	Goodwin, Hamman, Hasley Lore
DeYoung, Denison	C	Baum, Lavely
Schermorhorn, Shields	G	Abbott
McNulty	G	Lavely, Bodenhorn, Borland

Field Goals—DeYoung 4, Denison 2, McNulty 3, Perley.

Fouls—Mates 2, Denison, Herbster.

Referee—Kebort.

Time of Halves—20 minutes.

PRELIMINARIES MARCH 14th AND 15th.

A rumble and stir have been heard lately from the region of Philo-Franklin Hall where the Forum holds forth, with the result that debaters of all descriptions are clearing their throats and looking over their notes. The preliminary try-outs for the two Varsity debating teams are to be held on March 14 and 15.

Last year there were over twenty men who tried for positions on these teams. Six good debaters were chosen from them and two representative and winning teams were the result. This year indications seem to say that there will be almost as much enthusiasm in the work as there was last year, and it is thought that two good teams can be procured.

The dates for the debates are as yet indefinite but are being arranged by the management. It may be that two debates will be held on the same day—one by each team. This will likely be on April 29, if the present plans of the management are carried out, and the teams met will be Wooster and the University of Pittsburg. Both the debates will be away from home.

It is the intention of the Oratorical Association to give each Varsity debater a medal as was done last year.

ERIE WON FROM ALDEN.

In the college gymnasium on last Saturday night the Erie High School team defeated the Alden Academy five by the close score of 28 to 18. A preliminary game between the Alden scrub team and the scrub team from Meadville High School resulted in favor of the Academy, the score being 24 to 11.

The close score of the Erie game indicates the intensity of the contest. It was hard fought throughout, the Preps not giving up for an instant and being in the game until the final blow of the whistle.

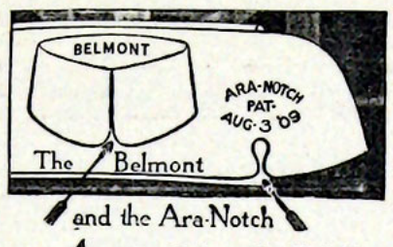
Alden 18		Erie—28.
Evans	F	Sutton
Lindberg (c)	F	Tanner
Dennis	C	McCreery
Jones	G	Gingrich
Selkregg	G	Fry

Summary—Field Goals—Gingrich 5, Dennis 4, Sutton 4, Lindberg 3, Fry 3, Tanner 2, Evans.

Foul Goals—Lindberg 2.

Time of Halves—20 minutes.

Referee—Hawk.



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AT HULINGS.

Miss Beilah Grauel, '13, spent Sunday with relatives in Greenville.

Miss Elizabeth Houghton, '09, was a Hall guest over Sunday.

Miss Hazel Emery, '10, spent Sunday at her home in Conneautville.

Miss Sarah McKnight was a guest at the hall for dinner, Sunday.

Miss Edith Burchard spent Sunday at her home in Cambridge.

Miss Louise Lord was a guest at the hall for dinner on Saturday.

Miss Louise Chase spent Monday at her home in Greenville.

Miss Florence McElwain spent Sunday at her home in Greenville.

Miss May Hart, '08, of Girard, was the guest of friends at the Hall, Sunday.

Miss Ethel Andrews, '08, of Oil City, visited friends at the Hall over Sundy.

Mrs. Goldsmith, '08, of Jamestown, N. Y., was the guest of Miss Rose Kaufman, for a few days this week.

Mrs. Preston and Miss Ida Preston were dinner guests at the Hall on Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis, of Knox, was the guest of her daughter, Miss Martha Lewis, '10, over Sunday.

Mrs. Goldsmith and Miss Houghton were guests at the Phi Kappa Psi house for dinner, Sunday.

Miss Florence Grauel has returned to her home in Sharpsburg after a visit with her sister, Miss Beulah Grauel, '13.

Miss Lida Geiss led the Sunday evening prayer meeting of the Y. W. C. A. The subject was "Life Building," and many helpful thoughts were given.

Dr. Elliott led the Y. W. C. A, service Wednesday evening. He discussed the word, "Repentance," and showed what a vague understanding we have of its real meaning.

The social service committees of the Y. W. C. A., held a spread on Wednesday evening, between bells. The purpose of the spread was to raise money for the scholarship fund that the Pittsburg branch of the Association has established in order to enable the shop girls in that district to attend night school.

To Mrs. Crawford.

That they might express their great respect and love for Mrs. Crawford, the young ladies of Huling's Hall purchased a very pretty brass book rack with a paper knife to match and in order to insure a safe delivery gave it to Dr. Crawford last Monday, at the station, that he might take it with him.

LOCALS.

Joe De Young, '13, is pledged Phi Delta Theta.

W. O. Forman, ex-'12, was a visitor in town last week.

Dr. Crawford took dinner at the Phi Delta Theta House on last Sunday.

J. A. Bortz, '11, spent Sunday with H. K. Dennis, '10, who is the principal of the Stoneboro, Pa., high school.

Prof. L. M. Hickernell, '10, and Prof. W. J. Aiken, '09, were Phi Gamma Delta visitors on Sunday.

A group picture of the Freshman class was taken for the Kaldron on last Tuesday evening, in the Gymnasium.

Rudolph Mulfinger, son of Prof. Mulfinger, has been removed from the hospital where he has been confined for several weeks and is now at home.

L. C. Harris preached for A. B. Hines at Blooming Valley, Pine Grove and the State Road church on last Sunday.

P. M. Hillman, '11, preacded at Miller's station on Sunday.

Chas. Hoffman, '12, visited in Cambridge Springs a few days this week.

Dr. Mulfinger took Sunday dinner at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Prof. Dutton visited the Cochran Hall boys at dinner time, Wednesday.

A. B. Eckles, ex-'88, of Wellsville, O., visited his nephew at Cochran Hall on Thursday.

Baron Ford has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to leave the hospital.

"Big Chief" Lewis, principal of the Meadville high school, and his wife took dinner at the Phi Delta Theta house on last Sunday.

During his stay in Meadville, Dr. E. L. Earp was the guest of Phi Delta Theta, of which fraternity he is a member.

Mr. Bruce David returned Tuesday from New York city after attending a convention of the Delta Tau Delta of Eastern United States.

The Erie boys who came here to play the Academy basketball team were the guests of Sam Rossiter and Seth Ferley for supper on Saturday evening.

Sunday was the universal day of prayer for students. Dr. Mitchell preached a special sermon in the Stone Church in commemoration of this occasion.

STATE Y. M. C. A. REPORT

One of Allegheny's Delegates Describes Oil City Convention.

The Y. M. C. A. State Convention held at Oil City, February 19-22, showed the comprehensive survey which this Association has taken for its field of work. The field is not only our own state, but the world, and with this view the State Y. M. C. A. is working. At the head of each department an efficient secretary has been placed to supervise the work. In this manner a wider and larger vision of the field of activities was given the delegates.

The physical work had a strong champion in Dr. Burdick. The five immigrant work Secretaries stirred the hearts of all with enthusiastic addresses; "Bob" Adams, second to none in religious work for men, gave the latest word on co-operation among men's Christian organizations. Mr. Gibboney, of Philadelphia, told the whole truth about the patriot as a man. Mr. J. B. Yohe, general manager of the P. & L. E. R. R., showed the duty to railroad men. John A. Eby led the evangelistic meetings. Reports were made of work being carried on in the mines, shops, railroads, high schools, colleges, among immigrants, and also in China, showing the tremendous scope of its work.

The four delegates from Allegheny gave their report at the regular Y. M. C. A. meeting on Wednesday, February 24th, and showed the broad vision the Y. M. C. A. has for its aggressive campaigns, the aim of the Association "The Leading of Young Men to Christ," the influence the convention had on Oil City and the three hundred and fifty delegates, and brought back a message for the local association for broader and better work.

W. F. Maxwell.

A GREEK THEATRE.

In recently discussing the plans of the College Dr. Crawford has frequently mentioned the idea of having a Greek theatre in the lower part of the ravine, in which might be held parts of the Commencement exercises and other affairs in the milder months throughout the college year.

In almost every college and university there is a Greek theatre or an open air theatre of some sort in which the dramatic clubs and other organizations appear before the public.

In the ravine south of the Observatory there is an excellent spot for the erection of such a structure and no more ideal place could be found. On one side of the stream the stage could be placed and on the other the concrete stand of the spectators could be erected. In it, in addition to the commencement exercises and perhaps dramatic functions could be held such things as college sings, rallies, etc. It would provide a place for the holding of many exercises which cannot be properly held in the Chapel and in this way supply a need of the college. The idea of this theatre is a good one and judging from the enthusiastic way in which Dr. Crawford spoke of it, it seems probable that it will be an addition to the Campus before many years have elapsed.

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