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## COUNCIL PLANS TO PUT HIGHER STANDARD ON EXTRA WORK

AVERAGE OF 2.75 FOR MEMBERSHIP; AVERAGE OF 3.25 TO HOLD OFFICE IN ORG.

Some time ago Dean Wham, as chairman of the Student Council, was asked by President Shryock to have the Council investigate extra-curricular activities and propose recommendations to regulate such activities here. Dean Wham procured rules and regulations upon this subject from leading universities and furnished copies to members of the Council. A committee for formulating rules for our own college was appointed by the chairman, consisting of the following persons: Dean Wham, ex-officio member; Mr. Felts, Dr. Steagall, Miss Bowyer, James Hastie, and Mildred Whiteside. The following report was submitted to the Student Council, and after due consideration, adopted it:

"Extra-curricular activities are those not offered in course and for which no credit is given, such as are involved in membership in the following organizations: Athletic Teams and Squads; Dramatic and Debating Clubs; Commercial and Agricultural Clubs; Egyptian and Obelisk Staffs; Musical and Literary Programs; Literary Societies; The Student Council; and any other school enterprises which through consumption of time would result in class work below the minimum scholastic standard.

"The standard of eligibility for membership in any organization is class work of at least a 2.75 average; and for office holding in any organization, class work of at least a 3.25 average.

"It is recommended that a committee of three members of the faculty be appointed by the President to serve as an eligibility committee; (Continued on Page Five)

## Commerce Club Plans Industrial Tour

The Commercial Club met Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Observation room in the new Science Building. The program is said to be one of the best yet given by this organization. Owen Kerley made a splendid address.

The club is planning the third of a series of industrial tours to St. Louis on May 17. It is the plan to visit, among other places, the St. Louis Stock Exchange, Armour's Packing Plant, the Federal Reserve Bank, and the International Shoe Factory. In the afternoon the party may arrange to take a steamboat ride on the Mississippi river. A show too will be attended. The cost of transportation for those who want to go will be \$2.25 round trip.

## Competition Strong for Many Leading Roles in Spring Plays

On last Monday evening the first try-outs of the Spring plays were held in the Strut and Fret room in the new Science building. Much interest was demonstrated and competition was strong for many of the leading roles. Some minor parts have not as yet been selected. Both societies will have second try-outs today at noon in the Strut and Fret hall. Try-outs are open to all active members. The Socratic play is "Duley," a comedy, and the Zetetic play is "Seven Keys to Baldpate," a melodramatic farce.

Duley is a bride. Her other name is Smith. In her eager determination to be helpful to her husband and her friends she plans a week-end party at her home near New York. They are an ill-assorted group, such as only a Dulcinea could summon about her. The three acts reveal them just before and after dinner on the evening of their arrival and the following morning. Their brief association becomes an unbroken series of hilarious tragedies. It is Duley's final blunder which unexpectedly crowns all her mistaken efforts with success. Meanwhile she has all but ruined her husband's plans to put through an important business merger with a rich capitalist. Among her guests is a rapturous scenario writer who conspires to elope with the daughter of the capitalist, who loathes motion pictures. The plausible rich young man

from Newport, whom Duley invites because he may be useful in assisting the aspirations of the capitalist's wife to become a writer of films, turns out to be an escaped lunatic. The ex-convict whom she has employed as a butler in her work of social uplift steals a diamond necklace belonging to one of the guests. Everything goes wrong, including the bridge, the golf, and the billiards. But the most exquisite torture she inflicts upon her hapless guests is brought about by her invitation to the scenario writer to recite one of his hectic plots to interpretative music played at the piano by the lunatic. It is with this experience of Duley's bored guests that the play reaches its highest level of satirical fun.

The cast for Duley that has been chosen so far is as follows:

Duley—Laura Jacobs.  
Gordan—Arthur Trammell.  
Willie—Dean Martin.  
Mr. Forbes—Orville Alexander.  
Mrs. Forbes—Dorothea Clark.  
Angela—Lois Mallory.  
Van Dyck—Charles Bateman.  
Tom Stretter—Raymond Akin.  
Leach—Omer Henry.  
Henry—Dave Adamson.  
William Hallowell Magee, an eminent novelist, who writes these popular dramatic stories, makes a wager of \$5000.00 that he can write a complete novel in twenty-four hours. He is no sooner installed at Baldpate Inn,

where he has gone to have absolute quiet, than action more melodramatic than anything he has ever imagined in his best sellers commences. Magee thinks he has the only key to Baldpate, but he is visited by a ghost, crooked politicians, and a charming newspaper reporter who each has his own key. The mystery woven around the arrival of each new key keeps us wondering who will bring the next one, until finally the owner of the inn arrives with the seventh and last, we hope.

Near tragedy enters the play when a quarrel ensues among the politicians and the blackmailer. While intriguing with all of them, Myra is planning to take all of the money herself. During the excitement of the quarrel she is shot by one of her fellow conspirators. The play reaches the climax of melodramatic mystery when the blackmailer reappears on the scene after she has been shot. Magee concluded that this is better than any novel he has ever written.

The cast for Seven Keys to Baldpate that has been chosen so far is as follows:

Magee—Marc Green.  
Mary Norton—Jane Richardson.  
Peters—Harold Bailey.  
Myra Thornhill—Dorothea Brandon.  
Elijah Quinby—Raymond Ethern.

## PRESIDENT SHRYOCK TO HAVE NAME ON CORNER STONE OF N.E.A. BLDG.

President H. W. Shryock, as a life member of the National Education Association of the United States, has been asked to fill out a card containing his name and address, which will be placed along with similar cards of other life members, in a specially prepared cabinet. This cabinet is to be placed in the corner stone of the new headquarters building of the Association located at Washington, D. C. The card will also contain any notation that President Shryock wishes. This notation may express hope or make predictions concerning movements, causes, etc.; or it may be of a personal nature or a verse or quotation. President Shryock received his life membership in the Association as a token of esteem from the faculty.

## STUDENT COLLAPSES IN LONG DISTANCE RUN

Last Wednesday afternoon, exhausted from a long distance run on the track, William Chestnut collapsed while in the gym dressing room and lapsed into unconsciousness. He did not regain consciousness until the next day, but is improving now and hopes soon to be back in school again. He will remain at his parents home in Newton until he is able to return.

## Governor Emmerson Appoints President Shryock to Serve on Commission

President H. W. Shryock has recently been appointed to serve on a commission appointed by Governor Emmerson to study illiteracy and arrange a program by which classes for illiteracy will be carried on. This commission, appointed at the suggestion of Hon. Lyman Wilbur, offers a great field for development and good work. There has been much interest in the problem of illiteracy since the results of the army tests.

Other members of the Commission are: Hon. W. J. Bogan, Superintendent of Schools, Chicago; Hon. Justin Washburn, County Superintendent of Rock Island and president of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, Rock Island; Mrs. Mabel H. Whitten, president of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, Carthage; Prof. H. G. Paul, University of Illinois; Hon. John E. Miller, County Superintendent of St. Clair County, East St. Louis; Dr. Albert Britt, President Knox College, Galesburg; Father Frederic Siendenberg, Loyola School of Sociology, Chicago; Mrs. Ethel C. Coe, County Superintendent of McHenry County, Woodstock; Hon. Henry Taylor, Principal, Township High School, Harrisburg.

## MRS. SAMUEL SCOTT OF THEATRE GUILD TALKS TO STRUT AND FRET

The Strut and Fret dedicated its new home in the Chemistry building last Thursday evening with a talk by Mrs. Samuel Scott of the Theatre Guild. The Strut and Fret was host to the audience, which was composed of faculty members and some of the townspeople.

Thursday evening's appearance was not Mrs. Scott's initial one on this campus; she appeared here last fall, under the auspices of the A. A. U. W., and gave a lecture on the current plays.

President John Mitchell introduced Mrs. Scott and explained to the audience that she had been invited more to dedicate the new room. Mrs. Scott talked on the "Well-bred and the Ill-bred Audience." Her talk was illustrated by observations of people prominent in theatrical circles. After her talk, Mrs. Scott made a few remarks on the plays current in New York, and then read a one-act play called "The Flattering Word."

## Notice

All Strut and Fret members are urged to be present at an important business meeting tomorrow night at 7:30. All who have taken part in productions this year and all who want parts should attend.

## NORMAL TRACK SQUAD DEFEATS CAPE INDIANS; SCORE 98 TO 33

CAPTAIN BRICKER LED FIELD PERFORMERS; VISITORS TOOK ONLY TWO FIRSTS

In the first meet of the season last Friday evening on the home field the Maroon track team overrun Cape 98 to 33. The visitors were able to take first in only two events, both hurdle races, and the Maroon entries made a clean sweep of all places in the 440 yard and one mile run.

Wright, Aiken and Stratton turned in excellent performances in their track events. Running with the wind in his back Wright easily won the century and was clocked in ten flat. However, he ran part of the 220 against the wind and took it in the fast time of 22.5. After winning the mile Aiken stepped the half mile in 2:7.8. Stratton, colored star, took the quarter mile in :55.

Capt. Bricker led the field performers with firsts in the shot and discus. He hurled the discus 136 feet 11 inches. Watson easily won the high jump and finally cleared six feet after competition had dropped out. He also placed second in the discus. Davis made eleven feet to capture first in the pole vault and finished second in the high jump. Lauder won the javelin throwing contest with 168 feet and 10 inches. Schrade was another first place winner when he broad jumped 20 feet and 5 inches.

Miller starred for Cape in capturing the low hurdle race in fine time of :26.7. His team mate, Bergman, won the high hurdle in :18.

Our relay team composed of Fleming, Simmons, Stratton, and Lentz made it thirteen firsts out of fifteen. (Continued on Page Six.)

## Lucille Kinney to be President of W. A. A.

At the regular business meeting of the Woman's Athletic Association last Wednesday the selection of officers for next year was held. They are as follows:

President, Lucille Kinney.  
Vice President, Martha Logan.  
Secretary, Alma Trieb.  
Treasurer, Mary Colombo.

With these girls in charge the Association should have a most successful year.

The new president has been chosen as the official delegate to the national convention of Woman's Athletic Associations which is to be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 25-26-27. Miss Carpenter and several W. A. A. board members will attend this convention.

The following was appointed as a committee to take charge of the next social meeting: Mary Shephard, Norma Kramer, and Alice Coggins.



ANTHONY HALL DEDICATED OCTOBER 23, 1913

During the early years of the school there seemed to be little difficulty in securing satisfactory boarding places for the students, but as the school grew conditions changed so that the housing of the students became a serious problem. A dormitory for the girls became imperative. At first the board was unsuccessful in the attempt to secure an appropriation; and when a bill was finally approved by Governor Deneen in 1911, it set apart only \$75,000,

a reduction of \$25,000 from the amount desired. Because the 47th General Assembly had passed so many bills for building purposes in other parts of the state, it was found necessary to defer the erection of Anthony Hall for a time, so that the building was not ready for occupancy until 1913. It was opened for the use of the girls at the beginning of the school year 1913-1914, and the rooms were eagerly taken by those wishing to enjoy the privileges and comforts of this

new home. In a short time it became as it is today, one of the centers of social life on the campus. Anthony Hall was formally dedicated on the afternoon of October 23, 1913, in connection with the installation of President Shryock. The principal speakers were Senator Kent E. Keller, Honorable W. W. Williams, a member of the Board of Trustees; Judge W. W. Barr, president of the Board; Mrs. Judge Butler of Cairo, and President Henry W. Shryock. The occasion was one of unusual in-

terest and was enjoyed by a large crowd of students, people of Carbon dale and from many surrounding cities. These exercises were concluded in the evening by a public reception held in the parlors of Anthony Hall, a very fitting closing of the day's program. In the selection of an appropriate name for this new home for the girls it was decided to name it in honor of the noted advocate of woman suffrage and other phases of woman's advancement, Susan B. Anthony.

**TENNIS RACKETEERS PREPARE FOR FIRST MEET WITH CAPE**

Under the leadership of Coach Nolen who is teaching extension work in history those out for the tennis squad are being trained in the fundamentals of this sport and are practicing daily. Mr. Nolen is a capable and qualified coach. With his help the boys hope to win every meet scheduled.

The first meet is Wednesday, April 23 here against our old rivals, Cape Girardeau. If the weather is good the courts will be in fine condition.

The candidates for the varsity squad are: Hal Stone, Marvin Muckelroy, Troy Hart, Raymond Etherton, Walter Henson, Robert Litner, and Manager Crowell. All these are backed up by "Cusa" Wilson and Glen Champ who have starred in tennis for the past three years. Champ is now teaching but is expected to enter the mid-spring term, April 28.

**Y. M. and Y. W. Halls Dedicated April 15th**

The new Y. M. and Y. W. halls were dedicated Tuesday evening, April 15, with a very formal and impressive ceremony. The speakers were Mr. Ware, State Y. M. Student Secretary, and Mr. Blakey, Southern Illinois Y. M. District Secretary. Mr. Pardee gave the prayer of dedication. William Meyers expressed the appreciation of the students for their new home and told of their hopes for making the Association room a campus center. The presiding officer was Clarence Stevenson. Open house and light refreshments by the advisory board followed.

Sunday, April 13, members of the organizations enjoyed an afternoon tea in the Association hall. Dr. Kellogg supplied an interesting hour by reading various selections of poetry.

**UNIVERSITY H. S. HAS BASKETBALL BANQUET**

Clarence "Fuzz" Harris and his University High basketball squad enjoyed a banquet given by the U. H. S. at Austin's cafe, Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p. m. Members of the faculty were also present.

Before the banquet Mr. Verman Tomlinson was elected captain for next year. He played his first year with the U. H. S. this year and proved a very valuable man for the team.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner and music. Talks were then made by members of the team and Prof. F. G. Warren. The first talk was given by Shoreland Moore, this year's captain, in which he presented Coach Harris with a ring, the gift of the squad.

Mr. Harris then reviewed the season and told of his appreciation for the cooperation of the boys and also for the ring.

Chester Greer, also captain this year, and Verman Tomlinson, next years captain, followed.

Prof. F. G. Warren then complimented the team and Coach Harris for their success this year, by saying this had been the most successful among recent years for the U. H. S.

Those present were Coach Harris, Mr. Warren, Lawrence Springer, Paul Thrailkill, Verman Tomlinson, Charles Rich, Shoreland Moore, Chester Greer, Sam Toler, Verman Jones, John Robinson, Troy Robinson, James Phenolter, Lester Wright, Lee Bloodworth, Rowce Heidinger, Prof. Logan, Prof. Nerwin, and Prof. Massivans.

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**H. S. Intellectual Contest April 18**

Contest A of the Central Egyptian intellectual contest will be held in Sparta, Friday, April 18. University High School has the following entries:

Girls' Chorus — "Yesterday and Today" by

- Lorraine Cox.
- Mary Carter.
- Margery Womble.
- Ethel Trout.
- Vera Karnes.
- Mary Keller.
- Marian Thrailkill.
- Genevieve Hagler.
- Irene McLean.
- Pauline Dillinger.
- Marie Taylor.
- Lottie Hall.

Violin Solo—Selection from "El Trovatore (Verdi) Mary Keller.  
Boy's Oration—"Abraham Lincoln"

**MR. SCOTT TALKS TO AGRICULTURE CLUB**

The Ag Club held its regular meeting last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program was as follows:

Accordion music by Mr. Dean Goetz.  
Vocal duet by Messrs. Reo Haun and John Marteeny.

Talk—Importance of Chemistry to Agriculture, by Prof. R. A. Scott.

The Corn Husking Quartet — Messrs Evan House, Ralph Upchurch, Frank Dunlap, and Clarence Pape, was heard over the new broadcasting station NUTZ.

by Roosevelt, Deward McLean.  
Piano Solo—Selection from "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn) Mary Keller.  
Humorous Reading—"Nora and the Twins," Mary Ellen Woods.

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**Socrats Give Play  
"Lonesome Like"**

The program given by the Socratic Literary Society Wednesday evening besides the usual orchestral numbers was up to the usual high standard, which were particularly pleasing, there was a vocal duet by Orville Alexander and Dean Martin. The boys cleverly demonstrated the flexibility of their vocal chords in an entrancing manner. Ruth Berry appeared on the program for the first time in the Socratic Hall. Her number was a reading. Miss Berry demonstrated her ability to read expressively. We hope to have her with us again soon.

The play for the evening was Lonesome Like, in which Ruby Herrington played the role of an old poverty stricken English lady of the third estate. In addition to her destitute condition, both of her arms were parast call before Ruby is taken away, and after many mirth-provoking analyzed, but she still had the use of her tongue, which she exercised violently at times. Golda Hankla was a young English girl of the same class who was betrothed to an acquaintance of Ruby's. Affairs in Ruby's household had, after her husband's death, gone from bad to worse, until at the

time Golda has come to pay a time of the play she was ready to go to the workhouse. Naturally she was very averse to such procedure. Dean Martin appears at Ruby's house at tempts to tell Golda he loves her, throws himself upon his knees asking Golda if she "will 'ave 'im for 'er 'usband," to which she indignantly replies in the negative. Then, shortly after Golda leaves, and almost immediately Dean returns to Ruby's house. He tells Ruby of his mother's death, and how lonely it is since she went away. He can get along days, but nights are terrible lonesome like. People don't seem to understand him as the engines do—he drives a locomotive on the railroad. . . . It ends by Dean asking Ruby to allow him to adopt her, to which she consents.

In this play Dave Adamson acted a new role—that of a preacher. This is something new for Dave, but he did it creditably.

Tommy has his cigarette lighter working now so that he can light it with only one match.

Traveller: Did you find a roll containing fifty dollars under my pillow?  
Pullman Porter: Yes, suh; thank you, suh!

Modern fraternity house furniture becomes antique before it is paid for.

We know one enterprising youth who is out for every activity this term, so that when they drop him later he will have more time to himself.

Reporter: What news? What news?

Juror: We find the defendant not guilty of murder.

Reporter: Darn it! No noose.  
'32: Are you going out for anything?

'33: Er, yes.  
'32: Then get me a ham sandwich.

Filbert Frosh tells us that it wasn't the high school he objected to; it was the principle of the thing.

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**KEEP OFF THE GRASS**

With the advent of spring comes the ever-present necessity of preserving the grass. The purpose of this grass is to aid in making the campus beautiful. It is supposed that college students realize this. However after a campaign which has lasted several years, the space in front of the Auditorium is almost completely lacking in this beautifying element. This is not due to lack of effort on the part of the school authorities, for they have spent many dollars in a vain effort to remove this undesirable situation. The poor grass never has a chance; the moment it raises its head, it is ruthlessly squelched by the merciless shoe of some—shall we say freshman? Surely no one except freshmen are guilty. Perhaps it will be necessary to put up barbed wire fences and "No Trespassing" signs to keep these freshmen in their rightful places. At any rate something should be done and that right pronto. Very little effort is required to keep on one of the numerous concrete walks which are placed there for that purpose. In the meanwhile if you don't want to be considered a freshman, kindly keep off the grass.

**DEMOCRACY IN THE SCHOOL**

The American public school, founded on democratic ideals, maintained by the common purse, free from discriminations of class, color, or creed, should be the most democratic in character of any existing organization in the world. Its members are heterogeneous; the children of the rich, the well-to-do, and the poverty-stricken share alike there. And yet the public school is not democratic. Paradoxically, its very heterogeneity prevents its ever becoming a true democracy.

In every public school of any size there are three obstructions to democracy: the aristocracy of the wealthy, the autocracy of the clever, and the oligarchy of the faculty. The rich, having been accustomed to money and its numerous advantages, see no reason why their money should not be used in the furtherance of their recreations. The student of humble means, being unable to maintain the social pace of the wealthy, must keep within his own circle to a greater degree than is usually admitted. The autocracy of the clever is limited. Its power and authority apply only to those school activities in which the clever are engaged. The autocratic character of this phase of school-life is apparent only when the group in control reserves for itself and its favorites the various positions and honors under its jurisdiction. The oligarchy of the faculty is always present. The degrees in which the faculty exercises its mandatory powers is, in most instances, entirely the option of the individual teacher. A board regulation or a school policy carries little weight if it is unfavorable to the instructor.

Because of these three conditions, democracy in the school is made impossible. There is no reason to believe that the situation will ever change and no cause for wishing for a change. For every aspect of it is natural, as natural as any of the fundamental relations of people to each other. The rich will always employ their money as they wish, and few will resent their doing so; the clever, having attained scholastic power through their own merits and abilities, are entitled to all the privileges adjunctive to their positions; if the faculty chooses to exercise dictatorial powers, its status as the mentor, the supervisory body, affords it the right to command.

Since these things are not only natural but inevitable, it is logical to conclude that a strictly democratic school would be undesirable, for such a democracy, being artificial, would necessarily be unsettled.

**READERS' BAIT**

For a long time the idea has been prevalent among Americans that if one were cultured he must travel, or at least, have traveled a considerable amount. This idea, as it should have been long ago, is now exploded in an article in the April issue of the Forum. The essay is written by Thomas Craven, and it shows the folly of going to other lands, or galivanting around in our own country looking for the beauty spots of nature. People should learn beauty is in the eye of the beholder. In our own section we have some of as enticing scenery as exists in other sections of the country even though they are far away. Are you planning a little sojourn into the lands beyond the boundaries of your own locality? If so, it might be a good idea to read what Craven has to say about "the great American folly."

Who is to blame for the trouble in the home? Is the wife or husband to be more severely censured? Or perhaps, it is the children if there are any. In an article in the current issue of Forum, E. H. Howe tells us some things of a great deal of interest about The Women. What do you think of them? What is the true natural state? Who is to be rebuked when things in the home go wrong? Why? Read this article, especially if you are matrimonially inclined—if not, read it for protection.

Lilacs is the title of a poem by Charles Hanson Towne in the April issue of the Woman's Home Companion. This is a spring poem that is better than the average in which Mr. Towne gives us an intimate touch concerning the lilacs. After reading it we wonder whether or not they really do sing at night in the cool moonlight.

**Rube Band Plays for Zetetic Society**

Last Wednesday night the Zetetic Literary Society put aside things literary and the evening was turned over to Raymond Etherton and a Rube Band. Raymond Etherton was announcer for the performance and Leo Brown was his right hand man in comedy production. If they had said nothing the audience would have got a good laugh just from their attire and actions.

The following boys took part in the program: Raymond Etherton Carl Etherton, Bob Smith, Howard Traillik, Bon Brown, Kendall Fugate, Dean Goetz, Dwight Karr, Leo Brown.

Besides the peppy selections these boys played together there were solos and duets. Howard Traillik played a xylophone solo—a treat always. Dean Goetz was liked so well last week that he was called on again to display his concertina prowess. Then he and Kendall Fugate gave two or three banjo duet selections.

Next Wednesday night the Zetetic will present the play, "The Trysting Place."

"I hear that the flea circus got stranded in Allentown."  
"Yes—the leading lady ran off with a poolee."

"Is Rudy Vallee really a Communist Yankee?"  
"Surely you've heard of the Cornecticut valleys!"

A parasite is a person who goes through a revolving door without pushing.

**FROM COLLEGE TO COLLEGE**

A new system of scholarship rating has been adopted at S. T. C., Lock Haven, Pennsylvania in order to raise the standard of scholarship. This new system will go into effect September 2, 1930. The present grade system of figures will then be replaced by the letters A, B, C, D, E.

**Who Will Be The May Queen?**

These are the words on the lips of the students at Fairmont Normal School, West Virginia. The representatives of the organization have laid down several rules for her selection. Since these rules might prove interesting in developing queens in other colleges, I'll list them:

1. Personal charm (It.)
  2. Admirable.
  3. Active and well-known.
  4. Tall and stately.
  5. Dignity.
  6. Attractive—lovely and graceful.
  7. Commanding respect.
  8. Representative.
- Have we a May Queen in our school?

At last the long felt need of another Greek letter social organization for women has been realized by the establishment of the local sorority: Theta Chi Mu. This is approved by the heads of the college as well as the promoters.—Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

An agreement regarding a new dormitory at the Teachers' College, Kearney, Nebraska has been reached. The building will house approximately 200 young women, and the cost is not to exceed \$129,000. The various details have been worked out by agencies and bids are to be received in May.

The Egyptian received a compliment from the Daytonian, Dayton, Kentucky, concerning the well balanced front page and clever headlines. Thank you!

**Do Gentlemen Prefer Mediums?**

A clever discussion in the Maverick from Tonkawa, Oklahoma, concludes that mathematically, scientifically and philosophically "mediums" have it. A statistical survey in the various classes always ended with a larger number which could not be classified as either blondes or brunettes. These were put into that class known as mediums, and the question arose as to whether gentlemen prefer them or not. Brunettes argue that men marry brunettes even if they do prefer blondes, but now the "mediums" offer this new argument. Well, what do you think?

**Inquiring Reporter**

Say, if you really want to learn something, apply for a position as inquiring reporter for one week. Then shoot the question at several intelligent "Sinuarians," but don't let them know what its for. Here are some answers I got to the important question: Is chapel necessary?

Florence Newman—"I don't know I never thought much about it. I think it — well—ha-ha-a-ha—good thing, but not ab-ha-so-lutely necessary."

Harold Bailey—"Why no. Why? Why because hardly any other colleges have it, and if they do, just once a week."

Otho Harper—"As a friend to every student on the campus, I sincerely think that chapel should be abolished."



**THE SPHINX KNOWS:**

Whom Mr. Smith threatened to move to the front seat in his first hour history class.

Who in Miss Shank's geography class thought that Bismarck was a city in Germany and lustily defended her position.

That some people are dumb, Ruth Noel was asked in a Modern Europe class to spell Zwingli. She replied that she could spell it all but one letter. "Very good," said the teacher, "and what is that letter?"

**AND WONDERS:**

Why Anthony Hall girls sing "Those Wedding Bells are Breaking up that Old Gang of Mine" and direct broad smiles at Alice Coggins.

What the librarian thought when on asking a girl "What will you have?" she was answered, "Milk, please."

If most students of the Reformation dont agree with Dorothy Parker:

"Whose love is given over well  
May look on Helens face in hell,  
While he whose love is thin and wise  
May view John Knox in Paradise."

Why some kind could doesn't put a concrete bottom in Lake Ridgeway so that it can be used for a swimming pool this summer.

**Musical Notes**

At their first meeting of the spring term the members of the Grand Order Anti-Tenderness has a musical (?) evening. First one of the girls gave an effort on the piano, "If I Had a Squawking Picture of You." As an encore she rendered, "I wish I had Died in My Cradle, Before I Grew up to Love You." Next the great Dolly Little of Broadway fame who is visiting in this city gave a musical reading, "Oh, how I Love My Toreador, Until My Torador Starts to Snore." Then Sally Squimps gave a paper in which she compared two great schools of modern music, the Vo-do-deo-deo school, and the Boop-boop-a-boop. She was so good that when she got through the other girls didn't know them apart. The concluding number on the program was Gretchen Getzum's solo, "It Ain't no Sin to Take off Your Skin, and Dance Around in Your Bones." When she finished the girls were ready to go home; so they put on their galoshes, and their sun-bonnets and left.

"Why the rope around the finger?"  
"My wife put it there so I'd remember to mail a letter."  
"Did you mail it?"  
"No, she forgot to give it to me."

"Where are you working now?"  
"A. & P."  
"Oh, you're one of the chain gang."

ished as a social, economic, and political injustice. However, one can study if forced to go."

Sara Dickey—"Well, if chapel is necessary, we should have it at night."

Cuss Wilson—"Sure, don't you?"

General Opinoin—"There are so many other things one could do."

**Egyptian Free From Partisanship in Sport Articles**

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association ranked the Egyptian third in the teachers college section of the general contest. In their method of scoring the judges gave the athletic division of the school paper nine out of ten possible points. The good features of the sports news which were responsible for the high score are not in accord with many of the statements made about athletic activity and publicity in the school.

First of all the sports stories were declared to be proportionate to the other news. If this decision is true, our paper is apparently free from the frequent charge made against athletic publicity. The writeups gained full credit for being factual and avoiding unnecessary prophecy. This part of the paper was found to be free from extreme partisanship, a common occurrence in the description of sport events in which rivalry is keen. Another point winner was the fact that while the writeups, while observing the language of sport,

**NOTICE TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN POETRY**

The Poetry Journal is a monthly poetry publication with editorial offices at 192 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, edited by Lyle Booth. The purpose of the periodical is to afford a means of expression and encouragement to those who love to write poetry. Short verse of up to 32 lines of a serious nature are desired. One or two longer poems will be used in each issue. Verses with a strikingly human touch will be especially welcomed. A price of \$1.00 to \$25.00 a poem will be paid for those accepted. This offers an active market for the poet, beginner as well as professional, providing the quality merits favorable report.

avoided the use of common slang. This is only one example of the high literary standard which the Egyptian requires in all its news stories. All in all the sport section is one of the best divisions of the paper and is free from the criticism ordinarily made against it.

**I. C. P. A. Convention at Bloomington May 10**

The Egyptian is in receipt of an announcement from the Illinois College Press Association heralding its eighth annual convention which will be held at the Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois on May 13. This is a week earlier than the usual time for holding this meeting, but it is at a period when the school activities are less urgent than they would be at a later date.

Special features are being arranged for—lectures of interest to college students. There will also be numbers of interest to the business managers, faculty advisers, and editors, as well as other members of the staff.

The "Best Paper" contest is always a high light of the convention. This year six prizes are offered instead of only two as formerly. In order to be eligible in this contest each school must submit eight copies of the paper.

The Egyptian is planning to enter this contest which is among the various colleges of the state. Inasmuch as a great deal of good is to be derived from such a meeting, it is hoped that one or more members of the

**"N" CLUB TO GIVE GOLD EMBLEMS TO GRADUATES**

The "N" Club is becoming increasingly popular. With few exceptions winners of the major letter in athletic activity who are eligible to membership promptly. The sponsoring of school dances by the club has been well received by the students and is a real contribution to school life. This year the organization is repeating the practice started last year and is honoring the graduating four year letter men of any sport by presenting them with a gold emblem.

local staff may attend. Ideas from men and women who have made a success in newspaper work will be found of inestimable value to those in whose hands the paper will be next year. Always it is good to get the views of others to see how the other fellow is doing the job, for in that way one can see his own errors and how to remedy them.

The various colleges of the state will be represented at this conference, and it will be a real honor to be chosen by the judges as having the best school paper. It is hoped that the local publication will be given a high rating by the association.

**COUNCIL PLANS TO PUT HIGHER STANDARD ON EXTRA WORK**

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that the faculty advisors of the respective organizations be required to file with this committee lists of members of the organizations, corrected at least every four weeks; and that reports of class-standing of all members be furnished by teachers at the end of four weeks and eight weeks respectively each term, such reports to be made to class advisors who in turn will transmit them to the eligibility committee."

The wisdom of such action is evident. The academic work of the school is still of chief importance, despite the fact that some may be more interested in extra-curricular activities. The recommendations of the committee are almost identical with those now in effect at the University of Illinois. There is no doubt that such rules will lessen the number of failures, raise the standard of class room work and prove a benefit to all concerned.

Mr. Bryant visited all the rural practice schools Friday to judge the exhibits. We are all very eagerly waiting for the decision.

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**Faculty News**

Dr. Abbott will be in Atlanta, Ga. all of this week attending a meeting of the American Chemical Society. Before he became a member of the Chemistry staff here, Dr. Abbott taught in the Georgia School of Technology.

The A. A. U. W. met at the home of Miss Bowyer, Tuesday, April 1. Miss Scott gave a very interesting talk on heredity.

Misses Williams, Cox, Carpenter, Fry, and Shank went to St. Louis last Saturday to see Otis Skinner in Pappa Juan.

During the week of March 24-29 Mr. McIntosh was in Chicago attending the Music Supervisors' National Conference. Some of the outstanding musicians he heard while there were Robert Braun, Hollis Dann, and John Erskine.

Miss Scott and Miss Zimmerschied spent the week end with Mrs. Reef at the Midland Hills Country Club.

There has been quite a lot of moving on the campus lately. Last week Dr. Steagall's zoology class moved down to the first floor in the room vacated by the Chemistry department, and Mr. Petersen and Mr. Schroeder moved the Manual Training department into its new home in the Chemistry building.

Dr. Steagall received a fine shipment of European salamanders from Dr. Emery of Washington, D. C. last week. Dr. Emery is in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Steagall received a letter from the State Forester inviting all biology students and teachers to make use of the new State Forest Preserve along Huddens Creek just north of Jonesboro.

Miss Scott will be on the program at the meeting of the State Academy of Science at Champaign in the early part of May.

We know Spring is here. Dr. Beyer has a brand new Ford. Henry Ford announces it to be number 3,654,897 sold since the first of March.

**Dumbest Freshman Writes to Friend**

Dear Sally:

Nothing much has happened around school this quarter. Raymond Carson told me that Raymond Aikin slapped Hannah Morgan one night when he was down to see her. I wouldn't have believed it but Clarence Stevenson and Dean Martin saw him; they were peaking through the window.

Harold Graves has taken to drinking hard liquor, and, it is whispered, has led Dave Adamson astray. Even Henry broke down and cried when he heard it. Edith Davis has been indicted for theft but Charles Samuel Bateman has covered her tracks. It is that she was tempted because she had to pay Bateman and Creager's beauty parlor expenses, those boys having become addicted to Marcells.

Blanch Stoaffer has been caught snooping into Birdie Hoopaw and Kate Simpson's affairs; in fact a photographer caught her in the act of trying to steal a stocking full of money from the two. No complaint has been lodged because of the untimely death of Miss Simpson.

Orville Alexander attempted to steal a million dollars worth of bonds from Arthur Trammell but was foiled. Opal Kern, who attempted at one time to kill her brother, shot Alexander in the heel. This same Trammell is to be brought before the courts this spring for bigamy.

The Socratic Hall was recently reduced to ashes. At first arson was

**Learning and Life**

I have known perhaps a thousand persons fairly intimately. Of the thousand there are not a dozen who could honestly be described as happy. And of this dozen more than half never went as far as high school. I may be wrong, but I believe that no university education has ever aided any human being in approaching life with sanity and humor, or in solving the emotional problems of the individual, or in making easier and happier his intimate relationships with members of his home and community.

Three nine hundred and ninety unhappy souls are curdling their lives with problems that have little to do with the understandable maladies of poverty and physical illness. Most of them pass as intelligent, and a few are even geniuses in the field of business, literature, music, and engineering. And yet I have looked behind the curtain of their homes, and the things that I see there freeze my marrow with pity. Here is an engineer, master of the principles that control the natural world about him, who cannot control the devils that ride him and who has wrecked three lives through his jealous passion. Here is a rich business executive, who directs the destiny of a corporation, and yet cannot guide his own scottish son or level the barricade of hatred between him and his wife. And here, there, and everywhere are friends and relatives ruining themselves with bigotry and egotism, wearing out their lives in loneliness because of timidity, or else consumed by the worm of satiety and enui. . . .

It will be held that the universe is helpless, and that the sorry work of individual maladjustment was complete long before the student came to the campus. True, the burden of the blame rests with the stupidities that have shaped us since we first saw the light of day. But the universities, where the highest enlightenment is in the saddle, have done little or nothing to chart new educational channels, liberating man from the obscure powers that dominate him. On the contrary, more and more stress is placed on the business and professional schools; it is a current article of faith that happiness lies in worldly success and peace comes with profits. And no one preaches this doctrine more shrilly than the very men whose intimate lives disclose how fearfully they lie.

If our highest schools are to search for the highest good, plainly the way lies elsewhere. They teach too assiduously the technique of exploiting the universe for gain, and far too little the winnowing pleasure through the cultivation of new beauties in us and the vanquishing of the nagging imps of greed, fear, jealousy, intolerance, and boredom. We should have a hundred research laboratories in self control and self exploitation to every one that seeks merely to add another beam to the counting house.—E. L. Meyer, in Capital Times.

not suspected, but Emmett Cockrum and Earl Legan have been arrested as the fire-bugs. They certainly looked guilty the last time I saw them. Say, do you know I think Guy Neal and Oliver Press are the only innocent ones in the pile. They're cute looking too.

With love,

JANE.

P. S.—I'm so mad! I just found out this news is all fake; it's just what has happened in the Socratic plays. Ralph Arnold told me. He's always stringing some one.

**Much Interest Shown In Play Try-outs**

On Monday evening the first try-outs of the Spring plays were held in the Strut and Fret room in the new Science building. Much interest was demonstrated and Miss Trovillion said the try-outs were the best ever held for Spring plays. One thing that helped considerably was the fact that practically all the contestants had their lines learned. Instead of reading lines from a book they readily acted their parts. Competition was strong for many of the leading roles and the committees who are to pick the cast confess that the task will be very difficult.

Landlord: This room was formerly occupied by a chemist. He invented a new explosive.

Prospective Boarder: I suppose those spots on the wall are results of his experiments.

Landlord: Well, indirectly, yes you see, that's the chemist.

In this period of domestic scarcity, the old axiom, "No man can serve two masters," may be changed to read, "No man can master two servants."

Some professors seem to enjoy disturbing those who read in class.

"I have faith in this watch," said the Bishop of New York, although he had just missed a train on account of its inaccuracy.

"Yes," answered the Bishop of Chicago, "but is faith without good works?"

**SHOULD ARMED INTERVENTION IN HAITI CEASE, IS DEBATE SUBJECT**  
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a great deal of care. The briefs have been read and criticised by the coaches, then revised and remodeled. Much outside reading has been done, and as a result, those who are debating have learned how to present effectively the pertinent points in the debate.

When the house is called to order Monday evening at 7:30 in the Zetetic Hall, all debaters and all persons who expect to hear the debates will be present. From this mass meeting the teams will retire to the rooms in which the debates are to occur. The decisions of the judges will be withheld until all have re-assembled in the Zetetic Hall. Then the decisions will be rendered after which an opportunity for informal debate will be given.

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