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The Story of the Convention

The Most Important Yet—Pension Fund Started—Committee on Relations with Schools—
Speeches by President Rhees and President Farrand

Although two items of particular interest—the announcement of a contingent gift of $200,000 for Faculty pensions and the report of the Athletic Survey Committee—stood out in particular prominence during the two days in Rochester, there were many other factors which combined to make this Tenth Annual Convention of the Alumni Corporation another high light in the annals of the University. After ten conventions have been held in as many years it is probably idle to attempt to array them in order of excellence. Suffice it to say that many of the old timers feel that this meeting in Rochester on October 17 and 18 was the most important yet held by the Corporation. There was general agreement in the conclusion that these annual meetings, held each fall in some city outside of Ithaca, are well worth all their trouble in bringing together a selected group of alumni for discussion of questions important to their University.

Twenty-seven different clubs were represented by their delegates when Dr. Stearns S. Bullen '06, the thorough-going general chairman, greeted the convention at the opening session in the Hotel Powers on Thursday morning. Ten other clubs, including that of the Philippines, were reported in good standing although not represented by delegates. Dr. Bullen turned the chair over to Conant Van Blarcom '08, of Cleveland, who has been president of the Corporation during the past year and who was re-elected for another term.

The first order of business was the election of the district directors of the Corporation, the convention voting on the names which had been placed in nomination by various clubs. The results were noted in The Alumni News last week. The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Corporation was read by the secretary, Foster M. Coffin '12, and the report of the treasurer by William W. Macon '98. The morning session was concluded with a discussion of the work of the Summer School, by its Director, Professor Riverda H. Jordan.

As chairman of the committee in charge of the two luncheons J. Arthur Jennings '18 struck a happy balance between a set program and complete informality. The inimitable S. H. (Hibby) Ayer '14 needed no assistance to provide all the entertainment on Thursday. A group of unusually graceful dancers from the Woman's School gave an exhibition on Friday noon.

The reports of Edwin N. Sanderson '87 and Roger H. Williams '95 were presented at the opening of the session on Thursday afternoon. Both will be printed in full in the next issue of The Alumni News.

Judge Frank H. Hiscock '75, of Syracuse, chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke informally of the relations between the Trustees and the alumni. He pointed out ways and means for maintaining the cordial relations which have always existed and emphasized the active interest which the Trustees have in the deliberations of the alumni.

As chairman of the Committee on Relations with Preparatory Schools, Thomas I. S. Boak '14, of Seneca Falls, New York, reported on the completion of the second year of work by that important committee. His report was followed by a general discussion in which practically every delegate participated. It was made clear that Cornell alumni are finally awakening to a realization of the fact that they have responsibilities if their University is to maintain the quality of its student body and to draw its undergraduates from all parts of the country.

The presidents of the Universities of Rochester and Cornell were the principal speakers at the banquet on Thursday night. Dr. Russ Rhees, the first speaker, paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Farrand and to the Cornell men in Rochester for their support in bringing to realization the expansion plans of his institution. In reply, President Farrand called attention to the great strides that the local institution had made under the able presidency of Dr. Rhees. "It is one of the most heartening things of our American college life," said Dr. Farrand, "that the alumni of our institutions of learning are not only generously supporting their own institutions but are taking a significant part in the development of the colleges and universities in their local communities."

"A unique feature of American college life is this same alumni interest. You cannot find it associated with any of the European institutions. Cornell alumni are among a small group whose intelligent interest, enthusiastic support, and constructive help are outstanding in American academic life." Touching on the pension fund which was announced earlier in the day by Trustee Sanderson, President Farrand said that this was one of the greatest problems faced by the University and he expressed the keenest satisfaction that a definite attempt was being made to relieve the members of the Faculty of the hardships imposed upon them by reason of the deficiency of the Carnegie Pension Plan. He thanked Mr. Sanderson for the note of encouragement he had given in suggesting the possibility of obtaining an endowment to go with the Sage Fund, so that some reasonable recompense might be made on retirement to men who have given the best of their lives to the University. No problem in the opinion of the dean of the University, President Farrand declared, so profoundly affects the spirit of Cornell on the Campus.

Dr. Farrand remarked that another of the problems facing Cornell is a diminishing list of entrants in some of the colleges, principally that of engineering. He suggested that the whole of the United States should be more evenly represented in the student body and that the alumni should see that the claims of Cornell are properly presented to high school students of good caliber. He praised the effort of the alumni to raise the quality of applicants for admission.

Dr. Floyd S. Winslow '06, of Rochester, was toastmaster. His other introductions were of Edward Holmes '05, inventor of the famed "sniftershooter," this year introducing a famous remedy; John C. Barker '12, whose stories are just as good as they were when he was an undergraduate; Roger W. Kinne '30, as fine a baritone as the Glee Club has boasted in many a long day; and the Glee Club quartet, George Docks '30, Truman K. Powers '30, James E. Neary Jr., '31, and E. Randall Allen '30. A distinct feature of the evening was the song leading by
William H. Forbes '06. The orchestra of Wes Thomas '21, imported from Ithaca, provided music.

The concluding session was held on Friday morning. Four short talks were given before consideration of the Athletic Survey Committee report. Jervis Langdon '97 spoke as president of the Cornellian Council, Warren Sailor '97 as editor of The ALUMNI NEWS, Hamilton B. Bede '11 told of the plans of the Cornell Inn Corporation for a new hotel in Ithaca, and Charles A. Stevens, Jr., '29 outlined the Fiftieth Anniversary number of the Sun. Roger S. Vail '05 as president of the Cornell Club of Chicago invited the Convention to hold its Fourteenth Annual at Chicago, when the World's Fair will be celebrated there in 1933.

Speaking both as President of the Corporation and as chairman of the Athletic Survey Committee, Van Blarcom stated that the Board of Directors of the Corporation, to which body the committee had made its report, had decided that it would be best not to present the report at this time. He said that the directors had come to this decision despite the fact that it had at first been determined to read the report to the convention, and the advance publicity had so announced. Copies of the report would be mailed to the officers of the local clubs in December. Van Blarcom announced that a committee would be appointed to keep in touch with the Athletic Council of the University, to which body the report had been referred. This committee would be made up of seven members in addition to Van Blarcom as chairman. Six of the members would be the six sub-chairmen of the Athletic Survey Committee: Tell S. Berna '12, Thomas S. Boak '14, Karl W. Cass '12, C. Rodman Stull '07, Robert E. Treman '09, and Dr. Floyd S. Winslow '06. After the convention had adjourned, Van Blarcom said that Alexander M. Beebee '15 of Rochester would be the other member.

After Van Blarcom had presented the conclusions of the Board of Directors, it was moved, seconded, and carried with vociferous unanimity that the action of the Board of Directors, it would be the other member.

AID BUFFALO CAMPAIGN

Cornellians are playing a role in the campaign for a $5,000,000 endowment fund being carried on by the University of Buffalo. In Buffalo, the campaign is headed by Walter P. Cooke '99 as general chairman. President Parrand was a speaker at one of the luncheons for workers in the campaign.

In Ithaca, Buffalo alumni met at dinner October 23, with Dr. Abram T. Kerr '95, professor of anatomy and secretary of the Ithaca division of the Medical College, as toastmaster.

ATHLETICS

Opponents' Scores

All three of Cornell's major opponents on the gridiron to this year, October 26. Dartmouth outscored Harvard, 34-7. Columbia defeated Williams, 33-0, and Pennsylvania defeated Lehigh by the margin of a goal field, 10-7.

Princeton, Cornell's other major football foe, played a 13-13 tie with the Navy, one week after its defeat, 13-7 , at the hands of the Red and White eleven.

Soccer Team in Tie

The soccer team kept its record clear of defeat on October 26 when it fought the strong Penn State eleven to a tie, 1-1, on Alumni Field. Cornell took the lead in the second quarter when Carey scored on a pass from Hansen, but Penn State tied the count on Travis' goal shortly after the ball was again put in play.

McCullough's defense work at goal was a feature of the Red and White play. The contest went into two extra five-minute periods, when both teams tried hard to break the deadlock.

Freshmen Tie Manlius

The freshman football team and the Manlius eleven fought to a 6-6 tie at Manlius October 26. Viviano scored Cornell's touchdown in the latter quarter, with about six minutes to go. Viviano took a pass from Buell and ran fifteen yards for the score. Manlius tied the count in the closing minutes of play when Captain Anderson took a twenty-five-yard pass from Hollembaek. Both George of Cornell and Sedgwick of Manlius missed place kicks for the extra point. In the second period George tried a kick for a field goal against the wind and the ball fell short of the crossbar.

Study of College Athletics

Classification of colleges and universities according to the degree and kind of recruiting and subsidizing of athletes is one of the outstanding features of the survey of American college athletics by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The report, published last week after three and one-half years of investigations, is a most comprehensive undertaking.

The report lists findings in many fields of athletics, but the most startling section concerns the recruiting and subsidizing of athletes, an abuse characterized in the report as "the darkest blot upon American college sport."

Cornell is listed as one of twenty-eight colleges and universities in the United States and Canada in which no evidence of subsidizing was found, and it is one of three major institutions in the East so classified. Yale and the United States Military Academy are the other two.

Cornell also is rated high in the list of colleges comparatively free of the taint of recruiting athletes. Recruiting, the report states ranges from "rare and casual contacts made or directed by an individual in the athletic organization of the institution in which the motive may be the general welfare of the institution or personal favor," to an intensively organized, sometimes subtle, system that may utilize or coordinate numbers of agents on or off the campus.

Cornell is not included in the list of colleges in which "the absence of recruiting can be ascribed wholly or partly to the attitude and efforts of athletic officials and college officers in the face of as great temptations to recruit as exist in many other American colleges and universities."

Cornell reflects, the report states, "the absolute minimum of such activity. At Cornell, of scores (of letters) examined, only one savored at all of the recruiting motive, and only the strictest interpretation of this single letter leads to the inclusion of the university in the list. Of thousands of individual cases of recruiting and subsidizing studied, alumni were responsible in only thirty per cent, college administrative officers in eight per cent, and athletic officers in fifty per cent.

Forms of Subsidies

Subsidies take the form of scholarships, loans, nominal or disproportionately paid jobs, tuition allowances, favors of various kinds and arrangements whereby athletes are "taken care of"; seldom is payment made in cash. It is estimated that at least one college athlete in seven is subsidized. Secrecy aggravates both of these abuses, but does not cause either of them.
In its general findings and conclusions, the report cites two fundamental causes of the defects of American college athletics: commercialism, and a negligent attitude toward the educational opportunity for which the American college exists.

It is futile, the report indicates, to attempt to place responsibility "for the development in the colleges of commercialized sport." It does declare, however, that "there can be no doubt as to where lies the responsibility to correct the situation.

The defense of the intellectual integrity of the college and of the university lies with the president and faculty. With them lies also the authority. If commercialized athletics do not affect the educational quality of an institution, nothing does. The responsibility to bring athletics into a sincere relation to the intellectual life of the college rests squarely on the shoulders of the president and faculty."

The report recommends the abolition of the paid coach, the gate receipts, special training table, costly sweaters, extensive journeys in special cars, the recruiting from the high school, the "demeoralizing" publicity showered on the players, the devotion of an undue proportion of time to training, the devices for putting a desirable athlete, but a weak scholar, across the hurdles of the examinations. Intercollegiate sports should "be brought back to a stage in which they can be enjoyed by large numbers of students and where they do not involve an expenditure of time and money wholly at variance with any ideal of honest study."

Intramural Sports

In the matter of intramural sports, Cornell is given praise in the report. "The general developments and purposes of American intramural athletics are more salutary than those which motivate intercollegiate contests. Especially worthy of praise in this particular are institutions at which the athletic needs and capabilities of entering students are determined by analysis of individual cases through physical examinations and tactful interviews, and advice is given as to which branches of athletics offer most opportunities for future success, often as a welcome substitute for the physical training required for a degree."

Other institutions named with Cornell in this phase of athletics are Amherst, California, Harvard, McGill, Oberlin, Princeton, Stanford, Toronto, Wesleyan, and Williams.

In the discussion of the professional coach, the report points out that at thirty-three institutions his tenure of office is pendent upon his ability to produce winning teams. At Cornell, Harvard, and Iows, the report states, "the athletic authorities have proved through action that victory is not essential to tenure."

Cornell, along with Harvard, New York University, Princeton, and Purdue, is also listed as an institution at which "the coaches have been praised for their efforts during off seasons, sometimes at the behest of the college administrators, to spur athletes to better scholastic performance."

Cornell is also listed among institutions having scholastic requirements higher than those of the intercollegiate conference or agreements to which they subscribe, and "their enforcement of these standards respecting both admission and collegiate standing is honest, willing, and sportsmanlike."

The report strikes an optimistic note when it states that the growing tendency among the undergraduates at many American colleges, to regard athletics as not the only important phase of college life, "tokens a genuine re-appreciation of the place of sport in undergraduate affairs, and not a shrinking from physical or moral competition."

American amateurism, the report states, must be revived as the very keystone of college athletics, "a genuine re-appreciation of the place of sport in undergraduate affairs, and not a shrinking from physical or moral competition."

Stress is laid on the hygiene of athletic training. It is pointed out that if athletics are well conducted, they may be made to contribute to the physical health of college students. There exist serious deficiencies in the relations of the medical profession to college athletics.

The notion that athletes in general are poorer students than non-athletes is exploded. The report concludes that participation in sports that require hard training and long practice hours probably impair the academic standing of certain athletes. The fact seems to be that athletes, who from scientific measurements and other data, appear to be the best endowed physically and mentally of all college undergraduates, fail to fulfill this promise of success in college work and do not greatly surpass, as they should, their less active fellow-students.

GREAT NORTHERN PASSES

When the Great Northern, as the Cayuga Heights trolley line along Wyckoff and Highland Avenues is known to undergraduates and alumni, made its last run October 18, students of the College of Architecture staged a farewell ceremony.

They rode on the trolley as the car wheeled along on its final trip, and at the end of the ride, they laid on the track a funeral wreath bearing the inscription, "Good Bye, Old Pal."

The Cayuga Heights line, which has served fraternities and the university community in the section north of Fall Creek, has been discontinued indefinitely by the Ithaca Railway, Inc.

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Mr. Burns is a handsome man of imposing presence. When he walked in at the Manlius-Freshman football game last Saturday he was noticed at once. A hush fell over the distinguished company who occupied the center section. Pretty ladies blushed guiltily, while brave men gazed at the distant hills in a non-committal or pokerish manner.

It remained for a member of the Cornell Faculty to immortalize himself at this juncture. From the royal box in which he was sitting he barked down in what he regarded as a stage whisper, "Hey, Rym, who is that man? I know I've met him a hundred times but I can't quite place him."

The stands went into gales of merriment. Everyone shook hands with, or embraced his next door neighbor. The whole crowd went on a first-name basis from that point on.

OPTICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Cornell was host to the Optical Society of America at its fourteenth annual meeting on October 24, 25, and 26, a meeting in which Professor Emeritus Edward L. Nichols '75 was honored as the recipient of the highest honor the Society can bestow. The Frederic Ives Medal for distinguished work in the field of optics was presented him at a dinner in his honor. President Farrand, speaking at the dinner, described Professor Nichols as standing "high in the list of those who have contributed to Cornell's honor, prestige, and service to the world."

A debate on the relativity theory of Professor Albert Einstein of Berlin was one of the outstanding points on the program, but the conclusion was reached that new facts, brought to the meeting by Professors Dayton C. Miller of the Case School of Applied Science, Charles L. Poore of Columbia, Dr. Kelvin Burns of the Alleghany Observatory, and Dr. H. R. Morgan of the United States Naval Observatory, have not contributed to overthrowing the Einstein theory. "The Einstein theory," Dr. Miller said, "will merely require certain mathematical adjustments, for the new experimental facts cannot be ignored if the theory is to be brought to date."
Directors Report

Convention is Told High Lights of Year's Work—Praise Work of Preparatory Schools Committee

In accordance with the by-laws, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Corporation presents the following report for the year 1928-9.

Your Board has held four meetings since its election at Washington in 1928; at Washington on December 1, 1928, at Ithaca on March 9 and September 21, 1929, and at Rochester on October 17.

Later in this convention will be made the report of the Committee on Relations with Preparatory Schools. The indefatigable chairman of that committee, Thomas I. S. Boak '14, will tell of progress made this year and of plans for the future. But no report of the directors would be complete without testifying to the encouraging beginnings made, the splendid results achieved, in this work which is of such vital importance to the University. The activities have been carried on for two years. The first year was of necessity devoted almost exclusively to overcoming the inertia of alumni, who as individuals and in groups have for years had relatively little sense of their responsibilities in seeing to it that a larger proportion of the higher type of preparatory school material should matriculate each year as freshmen at Ithaca. Qualified critics are in agreement that the type of Cornell freshman is annually developing to a higher plane. But it is no reflection on the present day undergraduate to point out that with the restriction in enrollment in colleges all over the country, including Cornell, it is becoming increasingly evident that Cornell alumni must be everlasting vigilant in taking every honorable step to make sure that their University receives its fair share of the best timber.

The second year's activities have been marked by distinct progress. Enrolled as Cornell students are many outstanding young men and women who would not now be at Ithaca but for alumni enterprise. Your directors are convinced that there is no more important opportunity before the local clubs in all parts of the country than the energetic carrying forward of this work. The surface has only been scratched, but the results attained have been sufficient to prove what can be done by concentrated effort.

Another committee which is to report at these meetings is the Athletic Survey Committee. Appointed following the resolution adopted at the convention of this body in Washington a year ago, that committee has attacked its manifold problems with possible energy and despatch and is presenting a carefully considered report. Some of the members of your Board of Directors have also been members of that Committee of Seventeen, but even modesty cannot restrain us from testifying to the effectiveness of the committee and to the conscientious work done.

Of late years the Corporation has been lending its particular support to a serious effort to attract a larger number of qualified alumni into the field of candidates for Alumni Trustees. Until two or three years ago it was the exception rather than the rule when the number of candidates exceeded by more than one the number of places to be filled. The goal has been to present for election lists of candidates numbering at least one more than twice as many as the vacancies; in other words, for the customary two vacancies to be filled each June, to have at least five candidates. The effort has been reasonably successful, and it is encouraging to note that not only some well-qualified alumni have been elected following the suggestion by the Directors of the Corporation that they enter the field, but also that each year it is a simpler matter to attract strong candidates.

Nominations for Alumni Trustees must be filed not later than April 1 of each year. Your Board of Directors meets usually in January to survey the situation and take such steps as may be necessary for increasing the size of the field. The local clubs are urged at this time to canvass the situation in their respective territories, and to consider making nominations within the next three months.

Following the custom of a year ago, fifteen of the local clubs have donated cups, to be given to those members of the University track squad who, in the judgment of Coach Moakley, have during the year shown the best attitude, greatest improvement, and most consistent performance. A cup is awarded in each of the fifteen track and field events. The plan to give these cups was developed at the annual convention held in St. Louis in 1927. The contributing clubs this year are those of New York, Rochester, Syracuse, Elmhurst, Philadelphia, Washington, Delaware, Cleveland, Western Pennsylvania, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Michigan, Milwaukee, Youngstown, and New England. The members of the track organization at the University, particularly the students to whom the awards have been made, are of one voice in attesting to the value of these trophies. A particular vote of thanks is due Hobart C. Young '10, of Philadelphia, for his work as chairman of the special committee in charge.

Under the terms of its by-laws, the income of the Alumni Corporation is derived almost entirely from assessments against the constituent clubs. From 1922, when the Corporation was organized, until this year, the amount of this assessment had been made on the basis of twenty-five cents for each resident member. In view of the increasing scope of the work of the Corporation, your directors in their report a year ago suggested that the amount of this assessment might well be increased. At the meeting of the directors held in March action was taken whereby the per capita tax has been increased from twenty-five cents to fifty cents. It is gratifying to note that the local clubs have accepted the increase without protest and in many cases have applauded the action.

The last fifteen years have witnessed an amazing growth in the number of colleges and universities with full-time alumni officers. In 1913 there were 25 alumni offices in the country; now there are more than 250, all with the common aim of welding alumni together as forces for good for their respective universities and for education generally. Although the aim is a common one, the forms of organization differ substantially. The Cornell plan is in many ways unique. Although those who might be called experts in alumni work in other universities have acclaimed the Cornell plan as sound and workable, it is the belief of your Board of Directors that a thorough study of Cornell alumni organizations should be made, to determine where-in better results might be achieved.

Cornell has several alumni organizations, largely independent in their fields of action although naturally interlocking to a degree. They are the Cornell Alumni Corporation, the Cornellian Council, the Federation of Cornell Women's Clubs, The CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS, the Cornell Association of Class Secretaries, The Cornell Alumni Association of Glass Secretaries, the Cornell Alumni Association of Class Secretaries.

The Alumni Corporation has as its object the promotion of "the interests of the University and the fostering among its members of a sentiment of regard for one another and attachment to their alma mater, and the ideal of service to humanity." Although doubtless great numbers of alumni are not conscious of their membership in the Corporation, according to its by-laws "every graduate and every matriculate whose entering class shall have graduated is a member." The Cornellian Council is the Alumni Fund of Cornell, established in 1909 for the work, which it is carrying out with increasing effectiveness each year, of securing financial contributions for the University. The CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS, the Federation of Cornell Women's Clubs, and the Cornell Association of Class Secretaries are substantially what their titles imply. The alumni officer of the University is the Alumni Representative, whose services are eng-aged by the Board of Trustees, but who is elected on the nomination of the officers of the alumni organizations, and who reports, not to the Board of Trustees, but to a committee of five alumni.

Your Board of Directors recommends to the Board that shall succeed it that a committee be appointed to make a thorough survey of the whole plan of alumni organization at Cornell, to consider such organization and amalgamation as might be brought about to make for greater effectiveness, and to eliminate the present widespread confusion on the part of individual alumni as to the nature, the functions, and the responsibilities of the various agencies.
Tell of Cornellians

Articles on "Interesting St. Louisans"
Describe Lives of von Schrenk '93 and Conroy '20

When The St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently began a series of articles, "Interesting St. Louisans," it selected as the first two subjects Edward E. Conroy '20 and Dr. Hermann von Schrenk '93.

The story of Conroy is of a Department of Justice agent whose greatest achievement was the capture of the D'Autremont twins, who were responsible for one of the most murderous train holdups the Middle West has ever known.

Conroy entered the Department of Justice in 1922, and is now special agent in charge of the St. Louis Office. Since his appointment to the department, "his duties" according to the article, "have taken him to most of the States of the Union. He has hunted criminals and faced pistols in mine wars; as an 'under-cover man,' unarmed and without credentials, he has been threatened by irate citizens; he has probed into the dealings of officials high in the Government service. And he is the man who caught the hardest and longest sought-for criminals of the present decade—the notorious D'Autremont twins."

The story of von Schrenk is of a man who describes himself as a consulting timber engineer and who is sought by users of timber for structural purposes. In St. Louis he is thought of primarily as a plant pathologist and a great botanist.

Conroy entered Cornell before the World War. He was with the A.E.F. in France, won the Croix de Guerre, and was promoted to a first lieutenancy. He returned to Cornell, where he won the intercollegiate lightweight wrestling championship. He took his A.B. degree in 1920.

Dr. von Schrenk went to St. Louis in 1895, two years after he received his B.S. degree at Cornell.

He started out in life to become a plant pathologist. He taught that subject in St. Louis, occupying a chair at the Shaw School of Botany in Washington University. In 1898, when he took his Ph.D. degree at Washington, after he had made exhaustive studies of plant diseases, he came to the attention of the railroads. He had devoted special attention to timber decay and attacks of wood-eating insects.

A railroad official consulted him in regard to the treating of railroad ties to lengthen their life. He was then authorized to pursue research on this subject for many railroads.

"Research," says the article, "is his consuming passion, veritably his breath of life. It is part of his business, of course, but it is his hobby, too."

At the present time he is consulting engineer to eleven railroads. He developed the process of creosoting railroad ties so that the entire timber is impregnated.

Three Juniors have been elected to the business staff of The Columns: Paul Ehrenfest, St. Louis, Mo., Bernard L. Witt, New Britain, Conn., and Wilmer L. Thompson, Charleston, S. C.
Coaches and college diplomats are busy this week, getting their disclaimers into the newspapers as soon after the abstracts of the reports as possible. Probably the credence of the reading public will go just as far as the reading public wishes it to go. Only the colleges that have been trying to make butter out of skimmed milk can enjoy a little laugh.

The miracles of sport have been pretty thoroughly disclosed. The hitherto insoluble problem of why a college of under five hundred students can regularly run a university of ten or twenty times the size on the football field; or why one university can annually humiliate a peer in size and academic standing; these and many other incomprehensible phenomena of sport will undoubtedly clear up to a mystified public under the pure rays of the Carnegie Foundation's research. Hereafter, perhaps the quantitative comparison will take on a qualitative modification. Sport, even if no other change is effected, will be better off for it.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 31.

The Goldwin Smith Lectureship. Professor Gustav Kafka, professor of philosophy in the Technische Hochschule of Dresden: "The Principles of Evolutionary Psychology." Room B, Goldwin Smith Hall. 8.15 p.m.

Friday, November 1.

Dramatic Club. "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room." University Theatre. 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, November 2.

Football, Columbia. Schoellkopf Field. 2 p.m.

Dramatic Club. Performance repeated.

Sunday, November 3.

Sage Chapel Services. 11 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. The Rev. Theodore G. Soares, D.D., of the Divinity School, University of Chicago.

AIRPLANE PARTY RESCUED

Henry W. Roden '18 visited Ithaca for the Princeton game, making the trip from New Brunswick, N. J., by airplane. On the return trip, the airplane made a forced landing on the Hudson River near Harmon, and the passengers had to go ashore in rowboats. The airplane sank shortly after they debarked.

The rescue was effected by railroad workers in boats along the river. The pilot of the airplane lost his way in the fog in the Hudson valley.

A PLAN HEATING UNIT

Trustees appropriate $180,000 for new addition to plant at East Ithaca

An appropriation of $180,000 for the construction of a new wing and smokestack to the central heating plant, made necessary by the expansion of the University, has been authorized by the Board of Trustees, and work on the new structure will soon begin.

Existing facilities at the plant, located at East Ithaca, are sufficient for the present number of buildings now in use, but with new dormitories for men and the plant industry building in course of construction and with new structures being planned under the building program, additional facilities are needed for the future.

The first installation in the new wing will be two boilers. Eventually, the additional equipment will match the present facilities, consisting of five boilers, each with a capacity of 612 horsepower.

The central heating plant was authorized by the Board of Trustees in 1920 and work was started in the spring of 1921. Four boilers were originally installed but in 1926 an additional boiler was added to provide heat for Willard Straight Hall and the new greenhouses of the College of Agriculture.

Other equipment in the heating plant includes chain grade stokers, coal handling equipment, ash hoppers, and a brick smokestack eleven feet in diameter and 215 feet high.

Steam is delivered to the Campus through mains twelve inches in diameter. Prudence Risley Hall, one and a quarter miles from the plant, is the furthest building served.

The heating of University buildings requires annually 30,000 tons, or 700 carloads, of coal.

Prior to 1920, buildings on the Campus were heated separately. The main heating plant, located in the rear of the Gymnasium, had a capacity of 2100 horsepower. The College of Agriculture buildings were heated by a plant with a capacity of 600 horsepower. Individual plants were also located in Prudence Risley, Caseadilla, and James Law Halls.

Buildings proposed for construction in the near future, which will be served by the addition to the central heating plant, are the new Law School and College of Home Economics.

Dr. George F. Warren '03, professor of agricultural economics, is chairman of a committee, named by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, investigating the efficiency of methods of distribution of farm products from producer to urban consumer.
The Week on the Campus

The bosoms of twenty-five thousand Cornellians throbbed with pride when they read last week the Carnegie report listing their college among the few righteous in the matter of football. Those institutions condemned as unrighteous have been resonantly impeaching their judge. One may agree that, for instance, the Harvard custom of restricting the Horseshoe privilege at football games to athletes is not essentially immoral; the investigating committee's standard of rectitude is perhaps unduly high. But just because the standard is unduly high Cornell has reasons to be pleased with its management of athletics. Anyone can be fairly moral; it needs strength and courage to be beyond reproach. Notice that of the country's great universities only four are so denominated: Chicago, Illinois, Yale, and Cornell. The Sun says, in words that cannot be bettered: "Cornell yesterday derived more favorable publicity from her much-criticized 'football for students' policy than could be gained by walloping Pennsylvania five years straight. What is more, this year's team is still undefeated. That football situation at Cornell, curiously enough, today comes near to being the best, not the worst, in the nation."

The whole business seems very funny. Where football is allowed to dominate, the players render services which have an enormous money equivalent. As everything else in the world is run, they are entitled to money payment for their services. But they must remain amateurs, according to a definition of "amateur" that applied when school games were played on vacant lots under the eye only of personal friends and small boys. Like our intramural sports. No wonder the system cracks and strains. The Carnegie report proves at vast statistical length that there is a frightful bulge when you try to jam a twenty-million-dollar industry into a vacant-lot ideology.

Further proof of evolution: there has been an effort to revive old-fashioned cheering, in the disciplined volume of the past. A cheering section of two thousand seats was set aside for the Columbia game, and the fraternities were urged to send their members in a compact and clamant mass. And how many seats were sold? Twenty-million-dollar industry into a vacant-lot ideology.

The光学学社 repeated its successful production of Shaw's "Man of Destiny" last Saturday. Don't forget its sensational "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" before and after the Columbia game.

The Orchestra was here Thursday, playing Debussy's Quartet (Op. 10), Schumann's A Minor Quartet (Op. 41, No. 1), and Beethoven's Quartet (Op. 59, No. 1) in flawless style. This group of young musicians well sustained the reputation that preceded them. The New York musical critics had received them with a unanimity of enthusiasm which would classify them among the few supreme groups of musicians.

The Faculty of the Veterinary College gave a reception to its students Friday. The committee consisted of Dr. Grant S. Hopkins '89, chairman, and Professors E. L. Burnett and Hadley C. Stevenson.

Picnics are the social mode of the moment. The Agassiz Club picnicked at Buttermilk Falls, the Philosophy Club on Beebe Lake and the Freshman women in Sage Gymnasium.

The optical Society of America was in session here on Thursday and Friday. A hundred of America's most eminent physicists were here, exchanging the results of their researches. Of special interest to Cornellians was the presentation of the Frederic Ives Medal to our Professor Emeritus Edward L. Nichols '75. But we have a separate story on that.


Thomas Hastings, of the great architectural firm of Carrère and Hastings, who died last Tuesday, was the designer of Goldwin Smith Hall. He was the uncle of Mrs. Bosworth, wife of Professor Francke B. Bosworth of the College of Architecture.

Ithaca's Airport will have one of the best runways in the country when the filling operations now going on are completed. Almost the entire area of the field will be raised from one and a half to two feet, bringing it well above the level of the lake at high water. It is promised that the surface will be like hard rubber. In the meantime, you had better sail around a few times and make your landings carefully. Eight visiting planes were here for the Princeton game, by the way.

The Citizens of Ithaca gave the Eagles a public testimonial in the State Theatre last Monday. The city's gratitude was rendered them for attaining the championship in the State League, and had nothing to do with the 20,000 bottles and 50 vats someone left in their quarters in September. The Eagles have just opened a magnificent new clubhouse on State Street a little above the Strand.

High Jinks in rival institutions of higher learning: "Paddles flying, freshwomen oaching, rangers posing, cameras clicking, boys laughing, cracks of paddles—this was Freshwoman outdoor convocation, Friday, 12.30. All girls, with or without cowbells, who could possibly be seized, were mercilessly sowied through the firing line, a double row of paddle-swinging upperclassmen, who warmed the anatomies of the little tots, and how!"—The Cincinnati Bearcat, superciliously quoted by the Sun.

BOOKS

Books and Magazine Articles

In Progressive Education for April-June, Professor Alexander Meiklejohn, Ph.D. '97, of the University of Wisconsin, printed an address entitled, "What Next in Progressive Education?"

In The Standard for May Dr. John L. Elliott '92 told about "Mrs. Dickson: a Hudson Guild Story."


In The World Tomorrow for July Roland Hugus '11 wrote on "That Notorious Next War."
THE CLUBS

Cleveland

The Club started a new season with a turn-out of more than seventy in its new quarters in the Euclid Room of the Statler. The luncheon started with a business meeting in which the following were elected directors: Elbert H. Baker, Jr., '12, Joseph P. Harris '91, Samuel E. Hunkin '16, and McRea Parker '14. John C. Barker '12, Frederick W. Krebs '12, and Edward J. Schroeter '14 continue with unexpired terms. The directors elected the following officers: Henry M. Beatty '22, president; Charles A. Stevens '00, vice-president; Charles C. Colman '12, secretary; Samuel C. Johns '27, assistant secretary; and Copant Van Blareom '08, treasurer.

The speaker was Professor Charles L. Durham '99, who came from Ithaca to spend a delightful time with the Club, and give good report of things happening in Ithaca.

New England

Professor Henry H. Norris '96 was the speaker at the weekly luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce on October 21. From the time of his graduation until 1913, Professor Norris was a member of the Faculty, and for the last few years of that period was professor of electrical engineering in charge of the department. From Cornell he went to New York, where he was managing editor and engineering editor of The Electric Railway Journal, and was assistant to the president of the McGraw-Hill Company. He is at present, and has been for the last four years, associated with the Boston Elevated Railway with the title of educational adviser. Professor Norris plans and supervises an educational program for employees. He spoke on "The Educational Program of the Boston Elevated Railway."

The Club has engaged Russell's Inn and Elm Lodge at George's Mills, Lake Sunape, New Hampshire, for the weekend of November 15, 16, and 17. The Cornell football game will be played at Hanover on the 16th. Those interested in securing accommodations should communicate with the secretary, Newton C. Burnett '24, Room 609, 7 Water street, Boston.

PROFESSORS HONORED

Professor Lane Cooper of the Department of English and Professor Albert B. Faust of the Department of German were elected October 22 to membership in the German Academy. Professor Cooper received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Leipzig in 1901. He has been professor of the English language and literature since 1915.

Professor Faust has been professor of German since 1910.

Economic Theses


WARD C. JENSEN, M.S. '20, "A Critical Examination of Methods Used in Farm Organization Studies to Obtain Costs." Wisconsin.


Howard J. Stover '26, "Factors Affecting the Marketing of Livestock." Cornell.


Paul M. O'Leary, Ph.D. '29, "The Western Pacific and Rio Grande Re-creas and Reorganizations." Cornell. Accepted.


Elmer Pendell, Ph.D. '29, "Demands and Supplies in Wage Determination." Cornell. Accepted. (To be continued)

SORORITY PLEDGES

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Harriet Crighton, Grad, 15, Delavan, Ill.; Helen Campbell '31, Sushen; Gratia Salisbury '31, Phelps; Mabel Rollins, Brooklyn; Charlotte Barry, Lynbrook, L. I.; Edith Kane, Far Rockaway; Margaret Quackenbush, Harriman; Margaret Shallie, Buffalo; Frances Staley, Washington, D. C.; Emily Stephens, Mamaroneck; Marion Stewart, Newburgh; Ida Haswell, Albany.

THE ALUMNI

'74 B.A.—Francis W. Cooper has retired from business because of failing health. His address is 304 West Thirteenth Street, Pueblo, Colo.

'75—Edward N. Trump sailed from San Francisco on October 10 for Japan as delegate of the Engineering Council to the World Congress of Engineers.

'80 ME; '28 ME—Eleanor D. Reed, eldest daughter of William E. Reed '89 and sister of William A. Reed '28, was drowned in Great South Bay, N. Y., on September 21. She was twenty-four years old.

'93, '96 ME; '21 BS—Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Parbury have announced the marriage of their daughter, Caroline M. Parbury '21, to Alfred M. Roeddelheim '95, on August 24, in New York. After November 1 Mr. and Mrs. Roeddelheim will be at home at The Buchanan, 160 East Forty-eighth Street, New York.

'96 I.I.B.—Colonel Edward Davis has retired from duty abroad as military attaché to the American Legation at Belgrade and Athens, and is now professor of military science and tactics at Michigan State College.

'97 ME—George F. De Wein '97 and Mrs. De Wein have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary, Wisconsin '29, to Walter A. Donnan, Pennsylvania '30. De Wein's address is 1091 Grant Boulevard, Milwaukee.

'98, '97 BS; '13 AM; '96 PhB, '19 Grad.; '98 AB; '98 PhB—Eunice Stebbins is living at home at 504 South Twenty-sixth Avenue, Omaha, Nebr., taking care of her father, and doing free lance writing. She sends in the following items: Mary Alinda Lathrop '96 is active in club work in Montclair, N. J.; Blandina H. Gurnee '98 has stopped teaching and is living in Connecticut; her mother; Eleanor M. Nightingale '98 is teaching spoken English in the New York schools.

'04—James C. Hammond is head estimator in the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific Company. His address is care of the division engineer, S.P. Co., Sacramento, Calif. He has two daughters, Helen, who is fifteen, and Rosemary, aged eight.

'06 ME—George W. Roddewig has established an office in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the practice of mining engineering and geology. His address is 602 Newhouse Building.

'08 AB—Alma T. Waldie, who teaches in the science department of the German-town, Pa., High School, is the founder of the Interscholastic League in Philadelphia, organized some years ago to bring together all the science clubs of the city.

'09 ME—Rodman M. Cornell now lives at 1077 Field Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. He is export manager of the Standard Underground Cable Company in Perth Amboy, N. J.
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12 ME—E. Willis Whitfield has been appointed acting director of the newly formed department of cooperative work in the Schools of Engineering and Mines of the University of Pittsburgh. He lives at 7329 McClure Avenue, Swissvale P. O., Pittsburgh.

13 ME—Warren E. Rouse on September 1 was made chief engineer of the Waterbury Tool Company. His address is 26 Crescent Street, Waterbury, Conn.

13—J. Frater Whitehead now lives at 15 Cloverly Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. He is secretary-treasurer of the Kales Stamping Company, at 1661 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit.

14 CE—Fayette L. Rockwell is president and treasurer of La Paloma Growers Company. His address is Box 914, Brownsville, Texas.

17 BS—Henry Dietrich has given up his fruit farm at Appleton, N. Y. and returned to entomological research. He is now an inspector with the State Plant Board of Mississippi, and is living with his family at Lusdeal, Miss. In his work he travels three or four hundred miles a week. Mrs. Dietrich was Miss Alice Stout, '16-17 Grad. They have three children.

23 BArch—Mrs. Claire F. Buchanan announces the marriage of her daughter, Dorothea Claire Dickinson to George Alden Shedden of Chappaqua, N. Y. on October 21 at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Shedden have sailed for Italy and will be at home after December 15 at Chappaqua.

25 ME; 25 BS—Harold T. Treu is in the sales department of the Elmira Water, Light and Railroad Company. Mrs. Treu was Madeline Heine '25. They live at 553 Roe Avenue, Elmira, N. Y. A son, Harold L., JR., was born August 15.

25 AB—Pauline J. Schmid, who is school librarian at the Hillside School in Montclair, N. J., has been appointed secretary of Province 1 of Delta Gamma. She lives at 66 Orange Road, Montclair.

25 AB—Francis M. Weitz is spending his fourth year teaching French in the South Park High School in Buffalo. He taught at the past summer session of the Hutchinson-Central High School there. His address is 22 Roscoe Parkway.

27—Grace W. Colton was married at her home, the Sherburne Inn, Sherburne, N. Y., on September 14 to J. Emmett Jones. They will live in Sherburne.

29 AB—Florence F. Andrews is teaching French in the Owego High School.

29 MS—Richard M. Riley is an instructor in horticulture in the University of Maine, at Orono.
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