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## KRIEBLE AND FOGLESONG BROADCAST

Discuss the Achievements of Chemistry.

If it weren't for the chemist milady would in truth have "nothing to wear", gasoline for automobiles would be prohibitive and in a few centuries nobody would even have anything to eat, Professors Vernon K. Kriebel and John E. Foglesong of the Trinity College chemistry department told the WTIC radio audience Tuesday night in one of the college's radio dialogues. The chemist, working with his test tubes and reagents for the dole purpose of adding to the world's knowledge of matter, has saved mankind billions of dollars, untold pain, and has provided both the necessities and luxuries of life, the two professors said.

Their subject was "The Science of Chemistry and Its Relation to Daily Life." Professor Foglesong explained one phase of the relationship as follows: "When you see milady coming down the street just consider her raiment. Shoes, gloves and furs are prepared for her by chemical processes; her step is lightened by the chemist's rubber; she wears hose of the chemist's rayon, and natural silks prepared under the chemist's care adorn and envelop her. All are dyed by coal tar dyes, whether it be a gorgeous red or majestic blue, in addition to the self-satisfying intimacy of a delicate pink, a dainty fawn, or baby blue. I imagine that the alignment of the entire ensemble is considerably facilitated by the presence of a small amount of the chemist's pure gum elastic. Her wrist watch is made of the chemist's noblest metal, with a flexible, non-breakable crystal; her bag is of imitation leather, she carries a silk umbrella with a bakelite handle; her ears are adorned with synthetic opals, her hair glossed by a chemist's preparation, her complexion accentuated by the chemist's cosmetics, the faint breath of synthetic violets follows in her wake."

Chemistry became a science and ceased being a magical art only 152 years ago when Lavoisier demonstrated that material things do not come from nowhere and disappear into nothingness, Professor Kriebel said. Previous to that discovery, he explained the pseudo-chemists of the medical and magical fields tried to apply what imperfect knowledge they had without knowing anything about the nature of the matter with which they dealt. Lavoisier's discovery was made purely because he wanted to add to the knowledge of the world, Professor Kriebel continued, and every chemical discovery since then that has proved of immense practical value to man was made for the same reason.

The chemist has kept down everybody's grocery bill, the two scientists declared, and has made it possible for people on the earth about 2,000 A. D., to have grocery bills. This was done, they said, by his discovery of a method of taking nitrogen from the air and putting it into fertilizer. He thus provided a way to secure fertilizer after the only natural beds—in Chile—are exhausted, they said. The chemist has also cut grocery bills by perfecting vegetable fats exactly like lard and by showing that beet sugar is just like cane sugar, to mention only two of many instances, the professors pointed out.

For the motorist, the chemist has quadrupled the life of a tire and opened new sources of gasoline, they said. Knowing that the world's supply of gasoline would soon be exhausted, the chemist perfected a "cracking" process by which 60 per cent. of oils

## JESTERS PRESENT PLAY TONIGHT

"Wedding Bells," a Comedy, Will Be Presented.

The Jesters of Trinity College will give a presentation of Salisbury Field's, "Wedding Bells", at the Hartford Club tonight. The play is a comedy in three acts, the plot of which revolves about the marriage complications of a young New Yorker. On the eve of his marriage his divorced wife, whom he wishes to forget, appears upon the scene. From this point on everyone becomes involved and the comedy is piled up fast and furiously. As a whole the play is screamingly funny and should provide a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The cast includes five players from last year's show, "The Whole Town's Talking", and four new men who have not appeared before in any Jester's production. Mrs. Golda Curtiss, who so ably coached last year's production, also has charge of this year's work.

The characters are: Winthrop H. Segur, '27, of Hartford, president of the Jesters, is the divorced wife; Henry B. Lewis, '30, of New York has the part of leading man; John E. Large, of Merrick, L. I., is a gay New York bachelor and best friend of the leading man; William J. Pitt, Jr., '29, of Hartford, is a sweet young girl engaged to the hero; Robert F. Gibson, '28, of Charlottesville, Va., is her mother; C. L. S. Sutula, '27, of New Britain, Conn., is a love-sick poet; H. Loomis, '29, of New York, is an English butler; D. H. Coles, '30, of Wethersfield, is an English ladies' maid, and Scott Alford, '28, of Albany, N. Y., is a Japanese man-servant.

The business staff of the Jesters includes: Scott Alford, '28, Business Manager; H. L. Fertig, '28, Production Manager, and Paul R. Ihrig, '29, Stage Manager.

## PROM COMMITTEE MEETS.

Assignments Made.

There was a meeting of the Junior Prom Committee at the Alpha Delta Phi house last Tuesday evening.

The meeting was called so that the final blocking out of the work to be done could be made. Thomas F. Daly was appointed to look after the refreshments; Charles G. Jackson and John M. Young, Jr., were placed in charge of decorations; and Walter E. Whitaker was appointed to take charge of securing an orchestra.

After discussing other affairs relative to the Prom, the meeting was adjourned.

## ASSISTANT FOOTBALL MANAGER CHOSEN.

Manager of Junior 'Varsity Also Picked.

The election of Paul R. Ihrig to the position of Assistant Manager of Football was announced this week. Ihrig will automatically become Manager in his senior year. He is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

The selection of Edward Steele Wotkyns for the position of Manager of the Junior 'Varsity Football team was also announced at the same time. Wotkyns is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

unsuited for motor fuel is converted into gasoline, they said, and in 1925 more gasoline was produced by this "cracking" process than was consumed in 1920.

## PROF. PERKINS PUBLISHES ARTICLE.

Writes on Aims of the College.

Professor Henry A. Perkins, head of the Physics Department, has recently published an article on "What Colleges Are For", which has been received in the world of college education with great acclaim.

Professors Perkins' article appeared in the November issue of the "Educational Review." The following paragraph is editorial comment which immediately preceded it:

"It surprises some that a national society of civil engineers should resolve that the college preparation for their profession should aim at a broader culture. Here is a professor of physics, in old Trinity College, Hartford, a man enjoyed as a writer, a sportsman, and philosopher, who looks, though a scientist, with as broad a vision as any known teacher of the humanities."

## GERMAN CLUB MEETS.

There was a meeting of the German Club last Monday evening in Professor Naylor's classroom.

During the business meeting of the club the general policy to be carried out was discussed and arrangements were made for the future meetings.

Karl F. Koenig gave an interesting talk on some articles of immediate interest which he had gotten from some German newspapers, after which Mr. Bangs read a Christmas story in German. After refreshments and singing the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the club will be in January, at which time Professor Spaulding will give an illustrated lecture on his trip to Germany this last summer.

All students interested in German are cordially invited to become members of the club.

## BISHOP BRENT TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Dr. Ogilby to Be Present.

Bishop Charles H. Brent, who received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Trinity in 1920 at President Ogilby's installation, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration in Buffalo this week.

Bishop Brent was Bishop of the Philippines for seventeen years, where President Ogilby was associated with him, and has been bishop of the diocese of Western New York for the past eight years.

President Ogilby was present at the services held in connection with Bishop Brent's anniversary and took a prominent part in it.

## ONE WAY TO DO IT.

One evening recently while idly twirling the dials I broke into a spirited argument. My interest was aroused. In fact I felt like the Irishman who hopefully inquired whether it was a fight anyone could get into.

It was not long before I learned the carrier wave of WTIC, Hartford, Conn., was piercing my receiver and bringing the voices of two faculty members of Trinity College to me. Anticipation quickly submerged my belligerency.

As it ultimately turned out the dispute was merely a novel method devised by President Remsen B. Ogilby of Trinity to retain the listener's attention. Certainly the argumentative discourse was far more interesting and instructive than would have been the same subject delivered in lecture form. —"Colliers", December 11.

## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETS

Approves Proposed Rules.

The second meeting of the Interfraternity Council was held at the Alpha Delta Phi house last Monday evening. Robert Y. Condit, president of the College Body, presided. All of the fraternities were represented at the meeting.

The representatives reported that they had brought up the points decided upon at the Council meeting last week in their various houses and that their houses all agreed to the proposed rules for a permanent Interfraternity Council.

The sentiment expressed at the meeting was that the president of the College Body should be president of the Interfraternity Council, ex officio, but this matter was not decided upon.

A constitution will be ready for approval at the next meeting of the Council which will be held immediately after the Christmas holidays.

The major points, which had been adopted by the Council at its first meeting and which have been given the approval of each of the eight fraternities, are as follows:

1—A six-week period before the beginning of rushing.

2—A rushing period to last one week.

3—Rushing to be carried on only in the fraternity houses. No defamation of other fraternities.

4—That the Council should be composed of a Senior and Junior member from each house. The Junior members would have no vote but would succeed the Seniors each year.

5—That if once a fraternity agrees to go into the Council it cannot withdraw without the permission of two-thirds of the Council.

6—That the Council would not only regulate rushing but would handle all fraternity matters.

7—That letters to prospective freshmen would be written through the Interfraternity Council.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE HELD.

Many Old Carols Sung.

The last Wednesday morning Chapel service was entirely devoted to the singing of Christmas carols, by the choir and by the entire student body.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the needy children of Hartford and an unusually large sum was secured.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS.

Reports on Collections Made.

The Senate Finance Committee met in Number 8 Jarvis, on Wednesday noon. Reports on collections were made at this meeting and it was announced that progress was being made in getting in the money. John M. Young, Jr., is in charge of the collection of the money due for assessments and he has set out on an intensive campaign.

## SHEPARD GIVES READING.

Professor Shepard gave a reading from Kipling on Thursday evening, December 9, in the Union. Professor Shepard began his reading with a few words on the poet's life and influence. There were many students present and many stayed after the reading was over and discussed Kipling's works.

## TRINITY DEFEATS NORWICH IN OPENING GAME

Blue and Gold Quintet Displaying Faster Game Than Opponents Win 17 to 15.

Junior 'Varsity Defeats Rockets 28 to 16.

Trinity opened her 1926-27 basketball season last Tuesday night by defeating Norwich University 17 to 15. The game was played in the Hopkins Street gymnasium. Playing a much faster game than the Vermont team, the Blue and Gold five put up a strong defense, holding their opponents scoreless for the first eight minutes and keeping the lead in points throughout the greater part of the contest.

"Rudy" Taute was the first man to score and immediately followed his first two points with another basket from the fifteen-foot mark. It was late in the first half before Norwich was able to connect with the hoop at all, their total score in that period being four points. Trinity's score in the first period was not very promising either, but it placed the Blue and Gold team in the lead by four points.

The second half brought forward a number of long shots from the Norwich team, several of them finding the mark. The team from Vermont showed their first signs of real scoring power late in the second half. This was the only time that the game was endangered for Trinity. A number of baskets brought the score to 15 to 13 in Norwich's favor. Real excitement broke loose and the playing became fast and rough, resulting in the dismissal of Captain Whitaker from the floor, due to personal fouls. It was not long, however, that Trinity was left in the rear. A basket from the floor by Burr tied the score and a little later another by Taute put Trinity in the lead 17 to 15. This proved to be the final score of the game.

Captain Whitaker showed himself to be a capable leader for his team until forced from the floor in the second half. Taute was high scorer for the Blue and Gold. "Dud" Burr played a fine floor game and Burton proved himself quite capable of retaining a regular place on the team with some good work at guard. Hallstrom played well at center. "Nick" Mastronarde was the only substitute put in the game, taking Captain Whitaker's place.

The lineups:

Trinity		Norwich
Taute	L.F.	O'Donnell
Burr	R.F.	Plumley
Hallstrom	C.	Bedell
Whitaker (capt.)	L.B.	Molton
Burton	R.B.	Hourin
Mastronarde		Grandy

The Junior 'Varsity also started the season with a win, defeating the Rockets 28 to 16 in a preliminary game. The outcome of the game was never in doubt after the first half. Burleigh and Platt played the best game for Trinity.

The lineups:

Trinity Juniors		Rockets
Platt, lf		Muller, rg
Cutler, sub.		Taylor, lg
Burleigh, rf		Kearshes, c
Knurek, rf		Sternchuss, rf
O'Brien, c		McGraft, lf
Solms, sub.		Goldenthal, sub.
Malone, rg		Kronfeld, sub.
Hardman, sub.		
Cahill, sub.		
Belden, lg		



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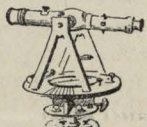
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THRU THE EDITOR'S TRIPOD

## "TRIPODS" FOR ALUMNI.

Through the kindness of the Alumni Fund every alumnus will receive one copy of THE TRIPOD within the next month. The Alumni Fund hopes in this way to bring college affairs closer to the alumni who do not now subscribe to THE TRIPOD. We are going to print a subscription blank in each of the next four issues and we hope that many of the alumni who do not subscribe for THE TRIPOD will do so. This issue is our twelfth and we shall have more than half of the guaranteed number of issues before the beginning of the new term.

All of us feel that the entire alumni body should be enabled to realize the great change in conditions here. There is much more enthusiasm and optimism than there has been for a long time. There is less jealousy and rivalry on the campus and the general feeling is that co-operation is worth while. The fraternity men are, as is told elsewhere in this issue, fast coming to an agreement on an Interfraternity Council, which has been one of the most urgent needs of the undergraduates, and that they can do this is certainly a fine thing.

We hope that the alumni will realize the changed conditions here and that they will give their support in every way. It is up to us all to take advantage of this new feeling and to do everything in our power to strengthen and maintain it. THE TRIPOD is one of the activities of the college which needs alumni support and we wish to take advantage of the opportunity which we have here of thanking the officers of the Alumni Fund for their help.

## A NEW GYMNASIUM.

The most urgent need of Trinity College is a new gymnasium. We students are often severely criticised by graduates of the college for spending, as they say, too much of our time away from college. The limited facilities of our gymnasium and the winter climate of Hartford make it necessary for us to seek our exercise and amusement elsewhere.

For instance, the basketball season opened last Wednesday and instead of being able to play our games at the college, we are forced to use the High School gymnasium and the members of the squad have to spend time going to and from the High School in addition to their regular hours of practice.

Students at college who want to swim have to take out membership in the Y. M. C. A., and a swim which would ordinarily take only an hour's time is protracted into a whole afternoon because of the time taken up in going to and from the "Y."

To build an entire new gymnasium would require a great outlay of money, but it can be built in units, the first one containing the things most needed. The present gymnasium could still serve the purpose that it does at present until the new one is entirely completed. It was with this thought in mind that the late Samuel B. P. Trowbridge, a graduate of Trinity in the class of 1883, and at his death senior member of the firm of Trowbridge & Livingstone of New York, drew plans for a new gymnasium on the unit plan. According to Mr. Trowbridge's plan the first unit is to include shower baths, squash racquet courts and a swimming pool. The other two units, one the main gymnasium floor with baths and locker rooms below and the other a field house for baseball, football and track practice would be completed at a latter time.

Is there not some graduate with enough interest in the undergraduate life to give the first gymnasium unit of squash courts and swimming pool or to find someone else who will give it?

## STUDENT INTEREST.

While the campus has for a long time listened to the desperate cries of chairmen of different organizations for aid from the student body, the campus has failed to hear the responding cry of the student body. Where the fault lies has never been actually determined to the full satisfaction of anybody in college, but the general attitude has been that the students are at fault in not being interested in the miscellaneous activities.

A statement as broad as this has been hard to justify. The main argument seems to be based upon the idea that most of the students are engaged in too many exterior activities to care to support the campus activities, but the proof of this has never been available. Other arguments are based upon student unwillingness to give the proper financial support, on unwillingness to take the much-lauded proper attitude or else on unwillingness to shake off the inertia that most of us feel surrounds our campus.

Most of these arguments are based upon the word "unwillingness." To what extent this "unwillingness" goes has never been fully determined, but there seems to be a conception among the leaders of the student body that there is this lack of will.

How much of the lack of will, or "unwillingness", lies with the leaders of campus opinion is a question that should be capable of provoking considerable argument. It is not reasonable to believe that our campus is any more dead than any other campus in this country, or that the student body here assembled lacks interest to any greater degree than the student body of any other American college. Hence, the fault must lie to a great extent with the campus leaders. What their argument in return to this will be, should at least afford food for some interesting thought.

## THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL.

The acceptance by the several Fraternities of the proposals endorsed by the proposed Interfraternity Council is something which should be hailed with delight by the students and by all those who are interested in the welfare of the College. A workable Interfraternity Council is assured and immediate steps are being taken to formally draw up a constitution so that the Council may establish itself permanently and begin to take over its functions.

The first big problem of the Council will be to see to it that letters are written by representatives of the Council to Sub-Freshmen, because no Fraternity will be allowed to write to prospective students, as has been the case in the past. This is a big undertaking and it will need, for its successful accomplishment, the support of all Fraternity men. This is the first of many problems which calls for the coöperation of all of the Fraternities and it is certain that it will be creditably dealt with.

Now that we have an Interfraternity Council we must all work to maintain it and absolutely insure its stability. We must not let it fail because of our own selfish interests and we must foster continually that feeling of good-will which has been the dominant note in the meetings that have been held thus far.

## THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

It is difficult to write anything about a holiday season without being very trite, but it seems to us that we can say something of value concerning the coming vacation.

The Christmas vacation is going to make the first real break in our college work since September and we may well look back and try to form an opinion concerning the many important events which have taken place on the Campus during the past three months. We may be sure of one thing, and that is that more real constructive work has been accomplished by the students this term than there has been for quite a few years. We have seen the inauguration of a new system of undergraduate government which has been a great success and we have seen the establishment of an Interfraternity Council, which has the potentiality of accomplishing more that will be of benefit to the College as a whole than almost any other single thing. We have seen a more general interest shown in intellectual affairs, and due to this interest we have seen the development of a strong spirit of tolerance.

Looking at this rather fine record we are tempted to immediately say that not much more could be desired as a result of one term's work, but we can say that only so long as we do not try to draw the conclusion that this term has been a successful one for us, individually. Many of us know that we have left much to be desired in our own records of achievement and it is for those of us who do that the Christmas holidays can be made to be of very great value. We are being given time in which we can get our bearings and make plans on which we can depend for safety for the remainder of the college year. Many of us have shamefully neglected our real duties and have forgotten the real reason for our being here and if we are ever to save ourselves and get on the right course we must do it now, at the time when the opportunity for doing so is presenting itself. We cannot waste time any longer because it passes too quickly for us and we never will be able to catch up with it unless we decide to do so now. Our time is come.

## THE FIRST BASKETBALL GAME.

We have very good reason to be proud of our coach and of our team for the creditable showing that the team made in the first game of the season. The team has started the season with a win and has secured its own and the College's confidence, and can now look forward to the rest of the games with a feeling of optimism which will help it immeasurably.

The student attendance at the game was good and it is to be hoped that it can be kept up. We owe it to the members of the team to show interest and go to the games, and get as many others to go as we can.

## NEW COMMONS MANAGEMENT.

The change in the management of the College Commons is most welcome. The great difference in the quality of the meals and of the service from what it was during the first part of this year is remarkable and it deserves recognition by the students.

Mrs. Kaiser has made the dining room very attractive and clearly shows that she is interested in her work and wants to make a success of it. To have a well-established and ably managed Commons would mean much to the College and it is up to us to do our part now that an efficient person is in charge.

## NEW BOOKS.

"Galahad", by John Erskine. Indianapolis. Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1926. \$2.50. Reviewed by Chauncey Brewster Tinker, Yale University.

"You've no more heart than a fish," said Lancelot (to Guinevere). \* \* \* "If I weren't your father, I shouldn't have wasted so much breath on an impudent young fool," said Lancelot to Galahad. \* \* \* "The kingdom, in my humble opinion, has gone to the dogs," said Arthur.

Such, reader, is the conversational tone of the Knights of the Table Round and the ladies of King Arthur's court as set forth in the latest embodiment of the legends. The Younger Generation shall have Galahad and Elaine brought up to date, so it shall, and Guinevere and Lancelot shall be planed down to democratic standards. They were, perhaps, not unlike the "Mr. and Mrs. —," with whose domestic difficulties Mr. Briggs regales us weekly in the Sunday supplement—he, something of a dolt, she, something of a vixen, but human exceedingly, and as common as husbands and wives,—or lovers and mistresses.

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Of course every era has treated the Arthurian myths exactly as it chose to do, without any antiquarian regard to folklore or the history of romance. Professor Erskine has but done what a score of distinguished predecessors have done in other ages. Thus, for example, Arthur has been at various times, a world-famous conqueror, spreading his conquests to the gates of Rome itself; later, a "very parfit, gentyl knight," the mirror of chivalry; then a magnanimous but deeply-wronged husband. As for Galahad, he is not the original knight of the Holy Grail, but a hero, devised, it would seem, by monks, to replace Sir Percival (or Parsifal) as a pure and single-minded knight worthy of his high quest. As a late-comer into the Arthurian cycle, Galahad has undergone fewer transformations of character than the rest, but there is no reason to suppose that, if he had appeared in as many romances as Arthur himself, he would not have undergone as many alterations. Each age puts its interpretation on the masterpieces of the past; and such work is not without significance as revealing the mind of the new age. Thus when Anatole France tells the story of the Magdalene or of St. Nicholas, (Continued on page 4, column 3.)

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## Intercollegiate News

Are we to believe that there are no gentlemen at Georgia Tech? The Sigma Chi fraternity entertained at a tea dance at which only brunettes were invited. A negro orchestra added to the color scheme.

Another event at Georgia which is occupying the minds of the students this week is the choosing of the best dressed man on the campus and in the football squad. The judges will be twelve girls selected from the various girls' schools in and near Atlanta.

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The new University of Miami will be opened soon despite the recent storm in Florida. Seven hundred students are now registered. The university is endowed for \$15,000,000.

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"Present-Day Fashions in Women's and Men's Dress" is to be the subject of a series of lectures to be given at the New York University Fine Arts School, announced General Charles H. Sherrill, director of the school. The entire course will cost \$16. To quote General Sherrill again, "N. Y. U. believes in selling what it teaches. The enrollment is 27,800 students, who pay \$3,500,000 annually for their tuition. This is the greatest sum paid to any university in the world in tuition fees."

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The Southern Industrial Institute for the training of white youth is located at Camp Hill, Alabama. The seven buildings have been erected either wholly or in part by student labor and are surrounded by 400 acres of farm land which the school operates. The school is in its 28th year and 1,500 boys and girls have been assisted since the institute was founded. The tuition is \$150, and each student must do some work. There are nearly 300,000 people in Alabama over ten years of age who can neither read nor write.

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Overalls have been adopted as the official costume of sophomores at the University of Washington.

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The "Flat Hat Club", organized in 1750 at the College of William and Mary as a secret literary and social organization, is the first American college fraternity of which we know. Phi Beta Kappa is, as everyone knows, the first Greek letter society in America, having been organized in 1776.

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All upper classmen at Dartmouth are required to take part in some athletic activity three times a week during the entire school year.

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Johns Hopkins psychologists, through a series of tests made at seven universities, find that girls are almost one hundred per cent. wrong and men only forty-five per cent. wrong in their response to the tests.

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Students who swear or smoke cannot participate in oratorical contests at Baker University, Kansas, for which the will of Albert M. Lumpkin provided gold prizes. Mr. Lumpkin, a Baker alumnus, bequeathed to the university a fund to pay \$100 to the orator placing second. His will barred users of tobacco and profane language from competing.

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The University of Wisconsin is the first university to offer dancing as a major course in the curriculum. The course covers four years, sciences and cultural studies being included in the requirements. The aim of the course is to develop personality and appreciation of art through the knowledge of dancing.

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The Honor System at the University of Southern California has been unofficially dropped, pending an investigation.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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one in F Minor. How the solemn splendors of the tones wove themselves into an atmosphere of mystic tragedy. The fleeting notes raced into the world for an instant and then vanished into the immeasurable void. This was Beauty. This was the right sort of emotional experience. I went in. The masterly playing of the pianist was listened to by a class of two men. Two men out of two hundred eager to learn to appreciate music and to lead a saner emotional life. My thoughts strayed to a scene in New York. Early March—the wind whistling through the canyons of the streets striking the sidewalks and passersby with whips of rain and snow. And yet a line two blocks long huddles against the walls of the Metropolitan waiting for the doors to open. It is only six. Two more hours to wait amid this icy sleet. And yet this line waits patiently, uncomplainingly. Does that mean that those poor ignorant Italians possessed a greater capacity for right emotional life than the cream of our education, the future leaders of our endeavors, our college men?

The same applies for any appreciation of the beautiful that is around us. For most part the college man is insensible to any of the majesties of nature surrounding him. The sun sets every day so why bother looking at it when it fills the west with a sea of molten gold? Not only does he not care for any aesthetic experience but derides it and sneers at it when he sees it in someone else. Any expression of the beautiful on the campus is hailed as sentimental or effeminate.

It is time that the college man realizes that any one who can and does appreciate the beautiful is not an abnormal phenomenon. That such appreciation or its expression is not the personal reaction of some highly specialized individual but something communal, almost racial in character. It is inborn in every man. Men are instinctively eager for aesthetic experience. A face pleasant to look on, a slim well-turned ankle, a lithe graceful figure—all will draw sighs and often cries of admiration even from the most unemotional of men. A facade of a building with its graceful pillars, its pointed archway, its carefully executed mass is in reality as beautiful as a pleasant face, a slim ankle, or a graceful figure and can offer as much or even more aesthetic experience.

If the realization of beauty in one, why not in the other? Simply because that desire for beauty is stifled and crushed in order to satisfy the desire to fit in the popular conception of what a college man should be. Emotionally dead these men seek expression for natural feelings in poor substitutes—drinking bouts, association with women of ill repute—in fact, in anything that will satisfy that unconquerable desire for a thrill—a kick. The main trouble with these outbursts of youth is that they are only the natural seekings for natural expression. If the colleges satisfied this need and showed the way to right emotional living there would be no need for high-priced alienists to declare young men insane in our courts. Young men whose only mental disease was that they were intellectual giants but emotional pigmies. Young men whose desire for emotional experience found realization in a ghastly crime. But our colleges did not satisfy their needs and do not satisfy it in most of the seven hundred thousand others. Under such conditions the college men of the country are becoming more or less mechanically trained to gather mechanically the facts of life, as the bookkeeping machine gathers the figures of the accountant, storing them until he presses a certain lever. Thus the college men store the facts gathered in classes until the professor pushes the sum total lever at examination time.

## GERMAN CLUB TO MEET.

Students Interested in German Urged to Come.

The German Club will meet on Monday night at 8 o'clock, in Professor Naylor's classroom. An interesting program has been announced and all students who are interested in German are cordially invited to come. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL TO MEET.

To Report Feeling of Fraternities and Take Definite Action.

There will be a meeting of the Interfraternity Council next Monday night at the Alpha Delta Phi house, at which time the delegates will report the sentiment of their houses concerning the proposed rules for the Council.

This meeting is very important and there should be representatives from every fraternity present.

## SENATE CALLS OFF TEA PARTY.

The Senate called off the Bishop's Tea Party which was to have been held last Tuesday afternoon. The reason that was given was that the Sophomores had made no definite plans for the Tea Party and that, all things considered, it would not have been well for it to have been held at this time.

In the preparation of men for the emotional life the highest function of the college is the stocking and stimulation of the creative mind. Upon this the artistic life of our country depends. But this duty is pushed away and crushed under the millstones of conformity or correctness. History shows us that the artistic sterility of peoples, cities, institutions of learning, after they begin to cut to pattern, after they become fixed in the cult of correctness, is strikingly apparent. As we look about the college world what do we see? Is any attempt made to awaken the dormant emotional life of the students? No. In the erroneous idea that the ultimate goal of education is the accumulation and storing of facts it is forgotten entirely. I sometimes think of our big colleges and universities as enormous canneries where each man is nicely stuffed with meagre allotments of knowledge, pickled and nicely canned in a bright can with a bright label signifying to the world that he is the product of the education it has paid for, and that he has been stuffed according to the prescribed formulae of the pure food laws of conformity.

But the soul, and its expression in emotional life, is that forgotten? No, not entirely, we have courses in Appreciation of Literature, Arts, Music, but these are not stressed and are barely perceptible under the mountains of so-called fact or practical courses. The men rarely pay any attention to them except for credit for a degree. These same men go out into society to become leaders in life. But, possessing no knowledge of emotional life and its sane expression how can they lead in it? The art of the country, which depends on the quality of emotional life becomes sterile. Sterile, that word rings like a knell in our ears. It forebodes the terrible calamity of our artistic life, if an attempt is not made soon to achieve in these early college years the free, joyous, fearless, warm intimacy with emotional life in all its aspects.

But under present conditions we can entertain little hope. Conformity is too strong. Our emotional life is sterile. The trinity of mind, body, soul, is broken up. We are educated.

—S.

## DEBATING CLUB MEETS.

Plans for Debate with Gettysburg.

At a meeting of the Sumner Debating Club it was decided that, in order to arouse a little more interest in debating at Trinity, and to demonstrate the ability of the members of the club, a challenge should be issued to the rest of the college. Any team or teams in college consisting of two or more men not in the Debating Club are challenged to debate on any subject they may choose, at any time they prefer, against a team of members of the club. It is hoped that a speedy response will be obtained from the student body.

Meanwhile, arrangements have nearly been completed for a debate with Gettysburg College and there is a possibility of a debate with Clark University. Due to the attitude of many men who want to participate in an intercollegiate debate but who have not enough interest to support the club, it is deemed expedient to restrict the list of men eligible for a team to represent Trinity to those who attend the meetings of the club regularly, beginning with the next one on Monday, December 20. No one else will be considered in the choice of a team.

## STATED MEETING OF TRUSTEES HELD.

Annual Reports Made.

There was a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees last Saturday morning, at which time the President, Treasurer, and Librarian made their annual reports. The Rev. Dr. R. B. W. Hutt was appointed Assistant Professor of Philosophy at this time.

## TRUSTEE-FACULTY DINNER.

There was a Trustee-Faculty dinner last Friday evening at the Hartford Club. There were many informal speeches and a discussion concerning the affairs of the College.

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## JAQUITH TO SPEAK IN CHAPEL.

The Reverend Harold C. Jaquith, of the class of 1912, who has until recently been in charge of the Near East Relief work in Athens, has lately returned to this country.

Mr. Jaquith is going to speak to the College Body at one of the first Wednesday morning services after the Christmas vacation.

## THE CAMPUS OBSERVER.

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thousand years each leap year. History itself dates back only thirty thousand years. If we take the total of all college students at the present time, the years roll up until history shrinks into insignificance, and geological time itself blushes.

Then let us cut out all this educational nonsense. By doing so we will be enabled to pour into the world on each leap year, two or three hundred thousand more years devoted to progress. Let these idle hands be turned over to industry. If this were done, think what life would become! Turn all this energy into the automobile industry alone and production would increase so rapidly that in a month cars would be so cheap that we could ride in a new one after every Saturday night ablution. Turn it into the ship-building industry and we would all own private yachts. Turn it into mining and end the coal shortage. Turn it where you will, and you will correct all evils!

You claim that this is economically unsound, for the simple reason that it would be impossible to pay them? Not at all impossible. For it would not be necessary to pay them. They are not paid under the existing regime, and still they thrive. Under the proposed regime it is quite likely that they would continue to thrive. In addition, they would be productive.

Then, Oh Sons of Progress, set aside all your present strife and center yourself on a consideration of this proposition. Think of what it will mean to the world. In ten years we will be living in the year 50,000 A. D. In twenty we will find Utopia. In fifty we will blast the very gods from the heavens. In a century we will find eternity—infinity.

Maybe.

He—"This is the best painting I have ever done."

She—"Don't let that discourage you."

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Many a wife wishes a crank case were something to put her husband in.

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Little Willie—"Mamma, is Papa going to heaven when he dies?"

Mother—"Why, son, who put such an absurd idea into your head?"

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Jacqueline—"Most people admire my mouth. Do you?"

Jack—"Do I? I think it's immense."

## BOOK REVIEW.

(Continued from page 2, column 4.)

the reader may find out nothing new about the history or character of the saint, but has certainly learned much about an age which has acclaimed such tales. What is it, we may well ask, about this modern spirit of ours, which drives us to represent King Arthur as a weary and cynical husband, with a doctrine of laissez-faire for his wife, and a final conviction that his court has throughout made too much "of the women"? Why are we amused by the picture of Elaine without her lilies and her barge, and why are we convinced that Lancelot could never have died "a holy man"? \*

Mr. Erskine's formula for the construction of one of these denatured romances is simple enough. One begins by casting out the supernatural and miraculous elements of the legend. All the trappings of knight-errantry are disregarded or smiled at. Antiquarianism, whether it concerns the representation of ancient manners, costumes, and ways of speech, or the attempt to understand the mediaeval mind, is regarded as a waste of time. The contention seems to be that there is no mediaeval point of view needed to explain what happened, but only the behavior of human beings as we see them acting, loving, and suffering today. Having reduced the story to the bare outlines of plot, the narrator then applies to the framework such modern motives, characterizations, and "psychology" as may hold it all consistently together, without recourse to any special pleading regarding the Middle Ages with its dragons, its magic, its love-potions, enchanted castles, sorcerers, and what not. We know enough of the men and women about us to explain whatever is truthfully set down in legend regarding the heroes and heroines of romance. There is in it, you see, nothing of the antiquated historical novel; but, rather an eager desire to assert an eternal identity of motive and character. A similar conviction led us to have Hamlet acted in modern clothes. Such startling revisions may wound our susceptibilities and rouse our prejudices, but they express an odd sort of confidence in the vitality and permanence of the story concerned.

If it had not been for "Helen of Troy," this story would probably have been entitled "Guinevere." Guinevere is the leading character, and it is round the representation of her peculiar passions that the criticism of this book will rage. Nobody believes enough in Galahad, with his silver armor and his pure heart, to care whether the author understands his life or explains his reputation; but Guinevere, with her desire to impose her will upon the world by means of her lovers, is a much more "intriguing" person, to speak in modern slang. She is that type of female who believes it to be her peculiar gift to form and inspire the souls of men, and she is eternally on the watch for victims. She is the sort of woman to

whom dutiful men dedicate books with the inscription, "To G——e, to whom I owe all that I am."

It is needless to labor this point when it is all stated by Lancelot in his confession to Brother Martin, which forms one of the most delightfully witty passages in a witty book:

Soon after their wedding, he (Arthur) said, he found out she had married him to reform him. He wouldn't have minded, he said, if he had had more leisure, but with the kingdom on his hands he was too busy to be reformed. Then he saw she had turned her attention to me (Lancelot), and, though it hurt him, yet there was something to be said for the arrangement.

Now Lancelot has his turn. He is prepared to be a "great lover," but discovers that his lady has a soul above mere adultery.

"I, too, have a conscience," she remarks to her man. "My one excuse is that through our love you became the best of living men—or so I thought."

Then come Lancelot's affair with the earlier Elaine and the birth of Galahad the Illegitimate.

"She was jealous of his mother and jealous of him, and angry at me," said Lancelot, "and it occurred to her to get the best of us all by making a masterpiece out of him. Before she got through, she loved him, I think." Exactly. The irony of the whole

situation is that, without the adultery, the scheme worked admirably. And the first result of Guinevere's idealism was to break down the boy's faith in his mother and father, and substitute herself and her theories as the inspiration of his life. Then she is obliged to reveal her own baseness, and the boy-knight, with his little world in ruins and his passion for the ideal still driving him, makes off into distant parts of the earth, there, presumably, to search for ever after some embodiment of that holiness which he had glimpsed. It is the Quest of the Holy Grail.—Saturday Review of Literature.

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