IMMISSIONARIES LOSE TO 'VARSITY

Unable to Equal Idaho's Team---Play Clean Game---Edmundson Shows Remarkable Grit.

The university basketball team finished the season on the Idaho floor with two delicious victories over Whitman last Friday and Saturday nights. Idaho had the better of the Missionaries in both games. In fact the games were rather one-sided, and not at Whitman put up a scrappy game and came back strong in the second half.

In the first game Idaho won by a score of 20 to 12. The first half of this game was a walk-away for the home boys. The score at the end of the first half was made a half of Whitman's points on fouls. In the second half Whitman got three field goals and two fouls. Idaho had to be satisfied with the game started in the first half. Curtis and Montgomery were the best point winners in this game. Curtis got four baskets while playing at guard and Montgomery got three.

In the second game Whitman made a hard fight but was unable to keep down the score. It was four minutes after the game started when Montgomery threw the first basket for Idaho. In the next few minutes he repeated the stunts. three times, which with a free throw gave Idaho nine points against the two Whitman had been able to score. Captain Cox got two baskets for the visitors in the first half which was the extent of the Whitman score in that period. Basket to Smith and Hockett sent the Idaho score up to thirteen before the end of the half.

In the second half Whitman, as the evening began, started the half with a rush, but were unable to score on anything but goals. Towards the middle of the division Barnes and McCoy each made a basket for the visitors. These, with seven successful free throws, completed the Whitman operations for the game. In the Idaho operation seven field goals were marked by Smith pot three of these, Monty two and Hockett and Curtis each one.

With all due praise to Curtis, Monty, Smith and Hockett we feel inclined to give much of the credit for the two victories to Edmundson. Edmundson was the biggest man on the floor in both games.

Whitman had but one chance to win these games, that chance was Cox. The chance had won the game from W. S. C. and from expectations of speed on the Idaho floor it is not hard to imagine his coming up enough points to put Idaho in the rear. But not so with Edmundson on the gard, Cox made three baskets in the two games. Two of these came when he got to his feet after a charge, after both had gone to the floor. With a less reliable guard Cox might easily have made some seventeen point against Idaho as he did against Pullman. Edmundson, finishing the game after his college lapses at the beginning of the season in the first game was an exhibition of grit that showed him to be a man inundated in Idaho basketball history.

Whitman played a very clean game of basketball and there was little or no kicking on decisions which marks most basketball games. The same teams play two games at Walla Walla the last of the week which will end the season. Idaho has to in but one of these to cinch the Inland Empire championship. From where we sit it looks like Idaho will.

The lineup in the two games was: Idaho, forwards, Smith and Hockett; center, Montgomery; guards, Edmundson and Crutts. Whitman, forwards, Cox, Barnes and Hill; center, McCoy; guards, Both and Hanston; sub. Howard.

Victor Price Debaters Elect.
The regular meeting of the Victor Price Debaters was adjourned last Friday afternoon till Monday afternoon on account of the indoor track meet. The society has not been very active since the Christmas holiday but some very interesting programs are planned for the present season. The following officers were chosen to fill the end of the college year: President, Ralph B. Foster, '13; Vice-president, chassis, Horning, '14; secretary, 4. H. Wheeler, '12 (law); treasurer, Frank. Olbern, '13; first critic, Ira Tweedy, '11; second critic, Paul C. Durrie, '11.
A cross in this circle indicates that you have not paid your subscription, one dollar a year. The Argonaut needs the money.

The mailing list has been revised to date. In case of error, please notify C. E. Watson or J. R. Wheeler.

EVEN COLLIIERS PROTESTS

The current issue of Collier's Weekly contains two articles marked protest to the recent trend of college athletics. Under the heading "Michigan Annonk" we read the following paragraphs:

"The spectacles of Michigan running amuck should bring all friends of beautiful student athletics to the support of the Conference Colleges, which were the pioneers of Middle Western college sport and remain its masters.

"While Harvard and Yale and other of the Eastern colleges are tolerating professionalizing in both baseball and preliminary football practice, the Conference Colleges have stopped both. They forbade all preliminary training prior to the opening of the college term; they cut out the training table and training quarters; they limited the number of football matches that the game might not absorb too much time of the students. In a word, they have done more than any other group of colleges or organization in America to put college sport where it belongs—clean and subordinated to the real work of college life.

"And to such an organization as this, with a record so courageous and beneficial, does Michigan not respond by moved self-interest and gate receipts and the glorification of its professional coach oppose it also?"

"Michigan represents the spirit that subordinates all to the winning. From the days of open professionalism—subsequently cleansed up—there has seemed to be raised by its paid coaches and managers, whose chief and only concern is to make winning teams, Michigan football that won out; thorough gaining, indeed.

"In an article on an entirely different subject, the same issue gives the following paragraph:

"The tenor to win appears to have developed a characteristic to pre-judgments of umpires and judges, and to regard besting the rules not only legitimate, but necessary. It has been called an American trait, and unhappily it is, in evidence among us often enough to give warrant for the assertion; yet it represents the American spirit, not the sportsman of America."

CRITICISM OF FACULTY AND THE HONOR SYSTEM

Occasionally there is heard the statement that the students at the University of Idaho are altogether too prone to criticize the faculty. For our part we think the accusation is unfounded in fact. There is very little such criticism here; at least very little that finds its way into print. Perhaps it would be reiter if there were more. At any rate it is interesting to catch a glimpse of how they do such things in other universities. Here is an extract from a recent number of the Harvard Crimson:

"To the Editors of the Crimson:

"In the University Catalogue is advertised a course, Six Plays of Shakespeare, for undergraduates and graduates, by one of Harvard's distinguished scholars. The course has an enrollment of over a hundred men attracted by the study of the great poet, and the name of the lecturer. Unusually full of our large courses, English 2, has no section meetings, reports, or theses. The parks are therefore entirely devoted from examinations. Without stopping to criticize this scheme, a revel of an obsolete system of undergraduate instruction, the writer would call attention to the character of the mid-year examinations recently given by the professor in charge.

"At the top of the examination paper stands the following note: Interpret, discuss, supply information as the case may require. Answers should be full and precise. Vague paraphrases are not acceptable. It is well to quote parallel passages.

"The paper is divided into nine questions, of which the first five contain fifty sub-divisions, questions at random from three plays. The fifty questions to be placed, into reprinted, disguised, information supplied as the case may require (vague paraphrases not acceptable), and parallel passages quoted. Among the sub-divisions appear the following: "Man forbid!"; "The valued life!"; "Gaius' crib, cribbed!"; "Indent with foamy!"; "Did oppress our rest."

"Now, I admit that the normal human being, with the normal mind, is able to learn these and other miscellaneous and insignificant phrases, but I also maintain that an abnormal rapidity of penmanship would be required to complete this part of the paper in less than three full hours.

"There are four additional questions. The first is three times divided, and calls for three short essays; the second three; the third, two; and the fourth demands three memory passages.

"Altogether the student who wishes to read Shakespeare must, in three hours, write fifty paragraphs (not paraphrases), and quite parallel passages of two or more pages each, not to mention divers memory passages."

"I ask the question frankly: is this poetry? Is it art? Is it culture? Is it Shakespeare?"

Not only would deny the right of a professor to conduct a course after his own method, but should not the undergraduate be informed beforehand concerning the nature of his course? Most of us did not come to Harvard for the single purpose of training our memories; however valuable and essential training may be, there is another department in the University devoted to that psychology of this sort. Moreover, authorities differ as to the effect upon the memory of loading and unloading the mind under forced drought.

"I suggest that hereafter courses conducted primarily for the development of mental gymnastics or other non-academic purposes be so marked in the Catalogue as a Senior."

"Such criticism as this seems to us to be both intelligent and helpful. In all such dark places the light should be let in. Free and open discussion, such as this, is to be desired, not deplored. Let us see what the editor of the Crimson thinks of it.

"The comminication printed on another page concerning the recent mid-year examination in English 2 makes interesting reading. A three-hour test with sixty sub-divisions can hardly be called typical of Harvard examinations. Nevertheless it does represent a type of examinations only too common in the College at present."

"It is such examinations as this that are primarily responsible for the prevalent undergraduate conviction that high marks in College do not necessarily represent any particular intellectual attainments, but are merely proof of a considerable development of the faculty of memory. That there is some justification for this belief is evident from the fact that with a twenty-five minutes, of less than three minutes allotted to each question (as was the case in the examination mentioned above), nothing but rapid penmanship and an excellent memory would be of use to a student in the acquisition of a high mark. For it is obviously impossible to expect men to give evidence of original thought of even the most elementary nature on 61 different topics within three hours."

"The prime object of a college
education is commonly said to be the development of the ability to think logically and constructively. If this be true, examinations which call for something more than exten-knowledge of isolated facts are a truer test for reading students than any memory tests."

Gentle reader, do you recall any examinations equally foolish and equally futile? The matter is one of well worth consideration. We have an "honor system" here. If such examinations as that criticized so ably by the Harvard senior are given here then our honor system is worthless. There are other things to be considered, also, before it can be proved that our honor system is an unmixed blessing. It some instructors give A with a facility that is not only farcical, while nothing short of capital punishment could persuade others to award this coveted first letter of the alphabet, then all students are not given the same chance to win honors. The subject of the honor system is one that should be discussed in these columns with profit.

Phi Delta Entertain With Smoker

Last Saturday evening the Phi Delta Theta fraternity entertained the Zeta Delta by giving a "smoker." It was a very enjoyable affair, informal and full of fun. Cigars and other smoking materials, not the least of which was the old-fashioned corn cob pipe, were made accessible to all very early in the evening. "After some time spent in the enjoyment of smoking and general conversation, college songs were sung in the customary college style. Supper was then served, the guests and hosts resuming their amusements by way of introduction in a rough and tumbling Virginia reel. This was succeeded by a series of "stunts" after which the members of both fraternities marched on merrily to the sorority houses giving several college yells and songs at each. Thus having completed their stunts, both parties separated much with a cheer for the other."

The girls at West End recently held a "Silent Party" to raise money for a new building. Any girl who spoke was fined ten cents. The party lasted one-half hour; not returns, $42.20.

Seventy-six students have been dropped from the enrollment of the University of Washington for failure to pass in the required number of hours.

But one death was due to football during the last season.

An Agricultural College Experi-

ment-Lane has been formed at O. A. C. Its object is to aid the agricultural experts in carrying on experiment work.

OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS

Important Suggestions to All Students Interested in the Violin.

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11. The First Position. A thorough study of the first position is the only guarantee for a correctly developed technique, and in general this study is neither long or exact enough.

12. The Usefulness of Singing Exercises. As the violinist does not, as the pianist, find the tones of his instrument readily made and tuned for him, but produces them himself with the guidance of a musical ear, it is very important that this skill should be developed and trained as much as possible. This can be accomplished by a continued attendance upon singing classes, a habit which is recommended to young violinists, even to those whose voices are in no way agreeable.

13. Playing From Memory. A most valuable accomplishment is that of playing from memory, or without notes. He who cannot play without using his music stand will never as soloist make any other impression upon his audience than one of helplessness and distress.

14. Violin Literature. It is of great benefit to the student to become familiar with the contents of the following books, which can be had from the firm of G. Schirmer, music publishers, New York: Violin Playing, by John Dunn. Celebrated Violinists, past and present, by A. Ehrlck. The Violin, Solo Playing, Soloists and Solos, by W. Hayley. History and Construction of the Violin, by G. Forcher. Antonio Stradivari, by Horace Fatherick. How to Study the Violin, by J. T. Carrodus.

The University of Oregon will entertain representatives from six other colleges of Oregon at the state contest of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association on March 10th. The event will be the biggest thing of its kind that has ever been held in the state. It is expected that about one hundred delegates and visitors will be present from the other schools and arrangements are being made for their entertainment. A banquet will be given to the visitors immediately after the contest.

Frederick Ayvster, a seventeen-year-old student has received a bachelor's degree from Chicago.

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DAY OF PRAYER

Y. M. C. A. Will Observe Universal Day of Prayer Next Sunday

There have been crucial periods in history when a year was more important than a decade and a decade was more important than a century; when, in the history of races, the future lay peculiarly in the grasp of the present. No year is needed to show that ours is such a time.

The simultaneous awakening of intellectual and emotional nations, the manifestation of intense pride of race, the revival of ancient faiths, the spread of an insidious materialism, and the increasing belief of all classes are portentous factors in the destiny of the world. At this critical epoch, the intellectually privileged classes bear the leadership, notwithstanding the world-wide spread of democracy.

In view of the responsibility thus placed upon the organized movements of Christian students in all parts of the world, the General Committee of the World's Students Christian Federation has appointed Sunday, the twenty-sixth day of February, 1911, as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, and the committee calls upon all of those who, whether in the schools of learning, in homes, or in places of worship, are able to use prayer in that hour of importance, to meet the day's opportunity and to use that opportunity in the arts and in activities of every kind.

While the Day of Prayer is chiefly a time for intervention, the Committee will call attention to some grounds for thanksgiving in the work of the World's Students Christian Federation. The World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh revealed more fully than ever the strength and growth of the movement. The formation of the Student Volunteer Movement in China is an event of far-reaching consequence, as it will help to supply an educated leadership for the forces of the Christian Church in that land. The conference of students have increased in number, in attendance, and especially in spiritual influence. There have been noteworthy gains in the direction of more efficient leadership of the Student Movement.

The past year has witnessed a deepening interest in vital religion among the students of St. Petersburg and Moscow, and this affords ground for hope that the movement in Russia will grow as it has in other countries.

The interest manifested in the missionary movements in social and religious work, and in apologetic questions during the visit of the Rev. William Temple is an evidence of the increasing concern of students with the social and moral questions of the day. And of a desire to justify their faith in terms of modern thought.

Senior-Officers Elected

At the election meeting of the senior class last Thursday afternoon, a remarkable innovation was introduced in the election of officers.

Mr. E. A. Barnard moved that in order to avoid all political scheming and wrangling over class offices, nominations should be made by ballot, thus removing all possibility of "railroading." The motion was carried and the secret ballot nominations resulted in ten ballots for Barnard, who was elected while others were cast for ten or a dozen other members of the class, no one of whom received more than four votes.

The same system was carried out in the election of the other officers.

The officers for the semester are as follows: President, E. A. Barnard; vice-president, J. W. Gurney; secretary, Elizabeth Dunn; treasurer, Fritz Landrum; sergeant-at-arms, Eva Anderson.

A deficit from the Junior Annual is still hanging over the class and several plans were proposed to raise funds to pay it. Nothing definite could be done at this meeting, but committees were appointed to investigate and report at the next meeting of the class.

About twenty of the Preps slipped from under the paternal thumb of the faculty and stole away for a sleigh ride last Thursday night.

They went to Pullman and enjoyed the scenery of that city for a time. They report a very cold return trip but a fine time nevertheless.

The Preps have organized a literary society which they have decided to call the "I. P. Literary Society." This organization is not a co-ed affair. It met in the engineering building last Friday night and passed the time with a mock trial and several extemporaneous debates. Meetings will be held every week. A special program has been prepared for next Friday night and everybody is invited to attend, even college students will not be barred.

F. W. Beir, who was a member of the fourth year prep class last year, has returned this year and registered as a freshman for the second semester.

The fourth year Preps defeated the Aggies in a lively game of basketball last Friday afternoon. Jones starred for the Aggies and Finkham and Robinson were the best representatives of the Prep team. As a means of amusement the game could not have been excelled. The spectators were kept laughing all the time and became very enthusiastic before the end. The score was 3 to 1.

**Sunday morning callers at Wellesley are obliged to attend church with their friends.**

Grinnell being split on the question of dancing; the fight has grown pretty bitter. But a relief comes in the form of a note in the "Scarlet and Black" telling of the custom at Iowa U. of asking a cup annually to the best waiters at the Junior Prom. —Rs.

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ThIRD INDOOR MEET

The third inter-class, indoor field meet was held at the gym last Friday afternoon. The Freshmen won this meet, making 11 points against the Preps', 8, and the Seniors', 8. The Freshmen got two firsts and one third. The first event was the running high jump, which was won by Scott for the Freshmen. Stonehacker was second, while Ream, Harris, and Rayburn tied for third. In the shotput Ream was first, with Harris second and Kinland third. The tug of war was won by the Juniors. The Preps succeeded in beating the short-course Aggiles in the basket ball game by a score 9 to 4. The final event of the meet, the 2-mile run, was won by Fields. Fields was a dark horse in the race, but he won, beating out Redeker by only a few inches.

Coach Van der Veer is very enthusiastic over the results of the indoor meets. Good material is constantly being discovered, and the men are getting into fine shape for the beginning of outdoor work in the spring.

Y. M. C. A. Election

At the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A., the officers for the year 1911-12 were elected. These elected were: President, Ray Lyman, '12; vice-president, Frank Osborn, '13; recording secretary, Chester Smith, '14; treasurer, R. G. Brunger, '14; corresponding secretary, Claude Howard, '12.

These five officers will select the chairman of the standing committees, which are Bible study, Missionary, Membership, Religious Meetings, Finance, Social and Employment Bureau.

The elected officers will take their offices in April. It is hoped that the steady growth of the present year will continue thru the coming year. These men will study the needs of the college men of our university and endeavor to meet their needs.

The Ape club held a reunion meeting last Thursday evening and elected the following officers: Ray Lyman, president; Stephen Regan, vice-president; Jefferson Davis, secretary and R. M. Brista, treasurer. It was decided to give reception to the new freshman agriculturists.

Prof. Elliot has returned after an extended trip thru the southern and eastern parts of the state.

Prof. Works has also returned, after a month's absence doing "extension" work.

All kodok enthusiasts having "good views" of college events see please on O'Donnell.

In a Massachusetts graveyard there is a stone bearing the inscription "Here lie's Dentist Smith, filling his last cavity."—Ex.

Boys got your hat at the Hub. The price is only half.
**BOOSTER CLUB FORMED**

Northern Idaho Students Organize to Interest High School Students.

An innovation among the organizations about college was effected when the Northern Idaho University Club was formed last Thursday at the rooms of Prof. Tall. All students from Bonner, Kootenai, and Shoshone were entertained and in the course of the evening plans were made for the formation of a club which should be both social and "boosting" in its nature. Permanent officers were elected by ballot, Enoch Barnard, '11, of Wallace, receiving the largest number of votes for president and Miss Elizabeth Dunn, '11, of Coeur d'Alene for secretary.

Mr. Barnard appointed committees from each high school represented to secure names of all prospective students in their home communities and report them to a central committee which will devise ways and means for interesting such students in the university through the Northern Idaho Club. The members believed that they could interest high school students in a way not covered by full-time university publications of faculty visits. Personal letters by the members will be one of the most effective means used.

The roll of charter members is as follows:

- Honorary, Mrs. Victor & Price, Elizabeth Dunn, '12, Johnson, Albert A., Sibert, Robert L., Loor, Mary Petts, Corinne Robertson, Donald Robertson and Edwin Yeager of Coeur d'Alene; Francis Conger, Ada Foley, Enoch Barnard, Bert Woolridge, and Lawrence Mason of Wallace; Mahbie Redosell, Margaret Noonan, Clyde Chaffins, Adele Chamberlin, and Harry Bond of Sandpoint; Maude Bonham, Gladys Collins, and Ernest Ellis of Wardner; Ira Emnett of Kellogg; George Dorm of Spirit Lake, and Earl Brunner of Post Falls.

Mrs. Victor Price was chosen honorary member and chapwoman because of her former residence in Wardner and her wide acquaintance among the young people of Northern Idaho.

After the organization, the members ate candy, sang songs, and the vocal soloists were given by Mrs. Redosell and some of O. Henry's short stories were read by Prof. Tall.

Meetings will be held every two weeks. The houses of Gamma Phi Beta, Beta Sigma, and Gamma Sigma were offered at meeting places.

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**MILITARY BALL A SUCCESS**

Large Crowd Attended—College Orchestra Furnished Fine Music.

The military ball held last night at Ziggis's ball was a complete success, both socially and financially. Just over hundred couples were present and the long program was lengthened by the addition of two extras. Every one of the twenty-two dances was encored, some more than once. Both extras were special, one a military selection for men in uniform only and the other a special for men in civilian clothes only.

The decorating was perhaps the best ever seen in the hall. Long strips of red, white and blue paper were draped from the ceiling to the balmy on each side and flags and bunting were artistically arranged on the walls below. The Homer banner which is won annually by one company in the military tournament was placed in the center of the hall near the entrance. One of the old cannons from the campus stood in one corner and just enough evergreens placed about the hall set off the other decorations. Side pieces were stacked in various places about the room. A special feature of the decorations was a number of sunbursts formed of bayonets, which glistened in the bright light of the electric lamps.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the college orchestra of twelve pieces and deserves special mention. It was certainly fine and was pronounced by all the best that has ever been secured.

The patronesses were Mrs. A. H. MacLean, Mrs. W. B. Detwiler, and Mrs. Burton L. French.

The last dance ended a few minutes after two o'clock.

**THE DORM PROVES POPULAR.**

The number of students who called at Ridenbaugh Hall last Sunday afternoon and enjoyed an informal visit shows how popular the new plan is becoming. Fully three times as many appeared at one time as there had been the Sunday before and there were several representatives from each of the committees. This gives the young men an opportunity to meet and become acquainted not only with the dormitory girls but with other girls of the university as well.

After most of the crowd had collected, they were all asked to stand outside in front of the building with a picture quiz snapped. The afternoon was passed very pleasantly and the boys are all glad it is to be repeated.

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